

II. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. Membership categories and policies

1. Only members of the club may vote, hold appointive or elective office, or participate in Club activities except where participation by guests or the public is specifically authorized.
2. Membership categories are as follows:
 - a. Associate: Persons of any age who have completed a membership application and paid dues as specified below.
 - b. Performance: Members who, in addition to the above, have qualified to perform in FMMC's public concerts as specified in Chapter III.
 - c. Organizational: Corporate or partnership entities that have completed a membership application and paid dues as specified below. The organization's representative has the privilege of voting but may not hold office.
 - d. Honorary: Persons who have rendered great service to the cause of music or to the Club, recommended by the Board of Governors and elected by the membership (see Section II. D below). Honorary members continue the privileges of their previous membership.
 - e. Life: Persons who have been dues-paying members for 50 years. They continue the privileges of their previous membership.
3. Anti-discrimination policy: There shall be no discrimination in membership selection or in any activities of the Friday Morning Music Club on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, or sexual preference.
4. Privacy policy: The FMMC does not share its mailing list or email list with other organizations, with the following exceptions:
 - a. In recognition of our longtime partnership the Board of Governors (April, 2005) gave standing approval for the Washington Performing Arts Society to use the Club mailing list at no charge to distribute its season brochure.
 - b. The President may approve other outside use of the mailing list, or sends an outside organization's information through the listserve if there is a clear benefit to members from doing so and the organization compensates the Club for any expenses involved.

B. Dues

1. Dues categories for individuals are as follows:
 - a. Student: age 14-22
 - b. Young adult: age 23-30
 - c. Regular: age 31-69, living in the DC metropolitan area

- d. Senior: 70 or above
- e. Family: Amount for each of 2 or more adults living at the same address
- f. Out of town: Regular member living 50 miles or more from the center of Washington, DC
- g. Complimentary: membership, exempt from dues, is awarded to:
 - 1) Life members and Honorary Members - for life.
 - 2) Washington International Competition (WIC) and Johansen International Competition (JIC) - First, second, and third place winners - for five years.
 - 3) FMMC student competition winners and those who receive Honorable Mention - for the remainder of the season plus the following year.
 - 4) Other students invited to membership on the basis of the National Symphony Young Soloist competition or other national international competition as specified in section III. D – for the remainder of the season plus the following year.

2. Dues shall be payable April 15 for the following season. Except for Life Members, Honorary members, and student competition winners during their period of complimentary membership, no member shall be considered in good standing whose dues have not been paid by June 30. Members admitted for the first time between January 1 and March 1 shall pay a half year's dues. New Members admitted after March 1 shall pay dues for the following season.

C. General Procedures for becoming a member

- 1. By application: Any individual may attain Associate Membership, and organizations attain Organizational Membership, by returning a fully-completed Membership Application Form to the Administrative Assistant with a check for the appropriate amount of dues.
- 2. By invitation of the Club: Honorary members and Student members who join for the first time at the Club's invitation must submit only the application form or equivalent information, through the appropriate official. (See sections on Honorary and Student membership below.)
- 3. Former members may have their memberships reinstated by submitting a completed application form and paying current membership dues. Former Performance Members who apply for reinstatement shall re-audition at the discretion of the First Vice-President and the Program Director.

D. Honorary Membership procedures

1. Any member of the Friday Morning Music Club may propose to the Honorary Membership Committee names of individuals for Honorary Membership.
2. The Honorary Membership Chairman researches the background of the candidate for Honorary Membership and obtains three letters of recommendation for each candidate it approves. The Honorary Membership Chair presents recommendations and supporting documents to the Board of Governors at the February meeting.
3. Following approval by the Board of Governors, the Chairman of the Honorary Membership committee inform the honoree of his or her nomination in writing and provides the President with the candidate's contact information. The President welcomes the nominee in writing and invites the nominee and spouse or friend to the Annual Luncheon as a guest of the Club. The Chairman of the Honorary Membership Committee prepares information on the nominee for the April newsletter. The Board of Governors considers the recommendation and approves or disapproves the nominated candidate for Honorary Membership.
4. The Honorary Membership Chairman presents the name of the candidate for election as an Honorary Member at the May Annual Meeting of the membership.
5. Upon the candidate's election, the Honorary Membership Chair sends the Honorary Member's name and contact information to the Administrative Assistant and the names to the Yearbook Editor.

E. Life Membership procedures

1. Each March, the Administrative Assistant (with assistance from the Archivist if needed) identifies and submits to the Board of Governors names of any members who have been dues-paying members of the Friday Morning Music Club for 50 years. The Administrative Assistant updates membership records to note the Life Member's changed status.
2. The President sends a letter of congratulations to the new Life Member, and encourages the person to attend and be recognized at the Annual Luncheon. The President also advises the Newsletter Editor and Yearbook Editor in writing of the member's change in status.

F. Membership processing procedures

1. Paid memberships: the Administrative Assistant receives and records membership applications.

2. Complimentary memberships: The Administrative Assistant and Second Vice President/Membership receive notifications of the award of complimentary memberships. Such notifications must include full identifying information about the member, including name, gender, membership/performance category, address, telephone number, and email address and (for student memberships) date of birth. Officials responsible for providing information include:
 - a. WIC and JIC competition chairs (Foundation-sponsored competition winners).
 - b. Vice President/ Student Activities (FMMC-sponsored and other student competition winners).
 - c. Honorary Membership Committee chair (Honorary members).

3. The Administrative Assistant verifies eligibility as needed, processes checks, enters the information in the membership data base and sends new member name, membership category, and contact information to the Newsletter Editor, the Listserve Manager, and the Second Vice President/Membership. The Administrative Assistant sends the processed membership forms to the Third Vice-President/Membership.

4. The Administrative Assistant also sends the names of new Performing Members to the Program Chair.

5. The Second Vice President/Membership sends the new member a welcome packet that includes a copy of the Yearbook and the most recent newsletter.