

Membership of the Society

WAGS Membership Classes and a summary of **Members Rights** are set out below.

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Membership Classes

Membership of the Society consists of the following classes:

1.1 Ordinary Member: This class shall be open to all persons interested in the objects of the Society. All such members shall be entitled to the full privileges of membership and may move motions and vote on all matters coming before the Society and shall be eligible for election to any office

1.2 Honorary Member: This class of associate membership shall be limited to persons who are involved in the study and practice of genealogy and/or family history and have been proposed by a member of the Committee and elected by a majority of the Committee present at

a meeting thereof. Honorary Members shall be entitled for such period as the Committee may determine on election to all privileges and rights of an Ordinary Member except they cannot move or second motions, vote or hold office.

1.3 Corporate Member: This class associate membership shall be open to all corporate bodies who are interested in the objects of the Society. A Corporate Member shall be represented by two representatives who shall be entitled to the same privileges as an Ordinary Member except that they cannot move or second motions, vote or hold office.

1.4 Affiliated Society Member: This class of associate membership shall be open to any incorporated organisation, formed with a principal object to encourage and promote the study of genealogy, family history and allied subjects, and which is bound by a constitution, rules or by-laws approved by its members. An Affiliated Society member shall be represented in the Society by a representative who shall be entitled to the same privileges as an Ordinary Member except they cannot move or second motions, vote or hold office.

1.5 Institutional Member: This class of associate membership shall be open to any organisation, or other body interested in the objects of the Society. Institutional Members shall be represented in the Society by a representative who shall be entitled to the same privileges as an Ordinary Member except they cannot move or second motions, vote or hold office.

1.6 Interstate and Overseas Internet Member: This class of associate membership shall be open to all persons residing outside Western Australia interested in the objects of the Society. All such members shall be entitled to the same internet access to the Society's web sites and research services conducted by the Society's Research Officer as an Ordinary Member. All other privileges of membership are not available to this membership class.

1.7 Student Membership: This class of associate membership shall be open to all students enrolled in fulltime studies at a recognised educational institution. All such members shall be entitled to the same privileges as an Ordinary Member except they cannot move or second motions, vote or hold office.

1.8 Joint Ordinary Membership (1.1) – is available for two people eligible to be Ordinary Members living at the same address and only one journal to be delivered to that address.

Members rights

1. Any person, corporate body, company, institution, society or association who supports the objects or purposes of the Association is eligible to apply to become a member. An individual who has not reached the age of 15 years is only eligible to be an associate member.

2. Applications for membership shall be made online or on the forms prescribed by the Committee. Application for Student Membership shall include a photocopy of the student card or the student bus card. Online application for Student Membership shall be supported by an emailed copy of the student card or student bus card .

3. The Committee must consider each application for membership of the Association and decide whether to accept or reject the application. The committee may delay its consideration of an application if the committee considers that any matter relating to the application needs to be clarified by the applicant or that the applicant needs to provide further information in support of the application.

4. The committee must notify the applicant of the committee's decision to accept or reject the application as soon as practicable after making the decision. If the committee rejects the application, the committee is not required to give the applicant its reasons for doing so.

5. An applicant for membership of the Association becomes a member when: the committee accepts the application; and the applicant pays any membership fees payable to the Association.

6. A person can only be an ordinary member or belong to one class of associate membership. An ordinary member has full voting rights and any other rights conferred on members by the WAGS Rules of Association or approved by resolution at a general meeting or determined by the committee. An associate member has the rights conferred on members other than full voting rights.

7. A member must pay the annual membership fee to the treasurer, or another person authorised by the committee to accept payments, by the due date determined by the committee. If a member has not paid the annual membership fee within the period of 3 months after the due date, the member ceases to be a member on the expiry of that period.

8. If a member, has not paid the annual membership fee within the period of 3 months after the due date, offers to pay the annual membership fee after this period has expired the committee may, at its discretion, accept that payment; and if the payment is accepted, the person's membership is reinstated from the date the payment is accepted.

9. The rights of a member are not transferable and end when membership ceases.

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