

By-law #2: Associate Membership Requirements

- 2[a] Associate Membership (non-voting) may be offered to previously active members who are unable to meet the requirements as outlined in By-Law 2[b].
- 2[b] The conditions of Associate Membership are as follows:
1. Associate Members are required to pay an annual membership fee, as determined by the current Executive Board.
 2. Associate Membership is limited by its non-voting status.
 3. Associate Members will be included on TFF member mailing lists. They will have appropriate access to information held and distributed through any medium authorized by the TFF that may apply, (e.g. direct emailing and website).
 4. Associate Members may attend regular meetings and will be required to pay the guest rate for meals, as established by the current Executive Board.
 5. Associate members may make suggestions and opinions known on matters under open discussion as part of Regular Meetings, and the Annual General Meeting. They are ineligible to cast a vote for or against any matter that may be presented.
 6. Associate Members may submit a print for commentary only at pre-determined "No Seal" Meetings as determined annually by the current Executive Board.
 7. Associate Members are eligible and may be asked to make comment on any print submitted for evaluation at a Regular, "No Seal" meeting or seasonal/end-of-year banquet.
 8. Associate Members are ineligible to vote as part of the process for Seal Awards during a Regular Meeting.
- 2[c] Active Members wishing to take a sabbatical or leave of absence may do so under the provisions of Associate Membership. Normally this is done at the beginning of each membership year. Where an Active Member switches to Associate Membership mid-year, their pre-paid membership fees are deemed forfeit and not refundable. Optionally, on the basis of goodwill and fairness, the current Executive Board may permit the transfer of previously paid Active Membership Fees to offset any Associate Membership Fee that may be deemed due.
- 2[d] An Associate Member who wishes to re-acquire Active Membership status may do so by making appropriate notice and application to the Membership Director, with payment to total the full current membership fee. Normally this is done at the beginning of each membership year. In the case where a member wishes to

reinstate their membership mid-year, a pro-rated fee may be applied, as determined and approved by the current Executive Board.

- 2[e] With a unanimous decision, the current Executive Board shall have the authority, at its discretion, to refuse to accept an Active Member renewal if the member in question has not met the minimum attendance (By-Law #2[b-3]) and participation requirements (By-Law #2[b-4]) over a consecutive period of two years.