

The Royal Society of Victoria Inc

Membership By-Laws

1. Membership

The Society shall consist of:

- (a) Ordinary Members
- (b) Retired Members
- (c) Emeritus Members
- (d) Fellows
- (e) Life Members
- (f) Country Members
- (g) Student Members
- (h) Family Members
- (i) Corporate Members

2. Ordinary Membership

A person who applies and is recommended for Membership under Rule 5 by the Membership Committee as a sub-committee of Council and approved by Council.

3. Retired Membership

An Ordinary Member of retirement age and no longer receiving a significant income may apply to Council for Retired Membership status with reduced membership dues, while retaining all of rights and privileges of Ordinary Membership.

4. Emeritus Membership

An Ordinary Member having reached the age of 65 years with more than 15 years of membership, or if under 65 years of age having been a member for 35 years, may apply to Council for Emeritus Membership status with reduced membership dues, while retaining all the rights and privileges of Ordinary Membership.

5. Fellows

- (1) The Council may, by the vote of an absolute majority of the Council, resolve to invite a person (the Awardee) to be a Fellow of the Society on one or more of the following grounds;
 - (a) for outstanding scientific or technological achievement performed primarily in the State of Victoria;
 - (b) being a resident of the State of Victoria, for outstanding scientific or technological achievement;
 - (c) for outstanding scientific or technological achievement from which the State of Victoria has derived great benefit; or
 - (d) for outstanding contributions to the advancement of science or technology primarily in the State of Victoria.
- (2)
 - (a) An Awardee who is a Member of the Society shall, on being awarded a Fellowship, continue to be a Member of the Society and, subject to these Rules, shall continue to have the rights and privileges and obligations which he or she had immediately before becoming a Fellow.
 - (b) An Awardee who is not a Member of the Society must, as a condition precedent to the award of a Fellowship, become an Ordinary Member of the Society and, on appointment as a Fellow, shall have, and shall continue to have, the rights privileges and obligations of an Ordinary Member of the Society.

- (3) The appointment of a Fellow has effect from the time when the Awardee has fulfilled any conditions precedent to the award and has accepted the invitation referred to in By-law 3. (1).
- (4) The Council may determine and from time to time alter;
 - (a) The maximum number of Fellowships that may be awarded in any one year.
 - (b) The maximum number of Fellows of the Society at any one time.
 - (c) The Membership, terms of reference and procedures (including chairmanship) of any committee appointed by Council in connection with the award of Fellowships.
 - (d) Procedures for nomination for, and award of, Fellowships.

6. Life Member

At any time within five years following the date of his or her election and after all subscriptions they due by him or her have been paid, an Ordinary Member may compound his or her annual subscription for all future years by paying a sum equal to fifteen years' subscriptions.

When more than five years have elapsed since the date of his or her election to the Society the composition of the fee for life Membership to be paid after all subscriptions already due have been paid, shall be reduced by half the annual subscriptions for each year of Membership in excess of five years, to a minimum fee of two and one half times the annual subscription.

7. Country Member

A person who is resident beyond 50 kilometers from Melbourne may apply to be a Country Member. A Country Member shall, except as otherwise provided in these By-laws, have the same privileges and obligations as Ordinary Member except that an interstate Country Member is not eligible to stand for office.

8. Student Member

A person who is attending full-time any tertiary or secondary educational institution recognised by the Council may apply to be a Student Member. A Student Member shall, except as otherwise provided in these By-laws, have the same privileges and obligations as Ordinary Members except for the right of voting, of eligibility for office, or of proposing new Members or associates.

A Student Member shall, on completing his or her tertiary education, notify the Honorary Secretary and transfer to Ordinary Membership.

9. Family Membership

The partner of an Ordinary Member may apply to be admitted as an Ordinary Member at reduced cost as determined by Council from time to time. They shall not be entitled to receive a copy of the Proceeding or Transactions of the Society. As an Ordinary Member they shall, except as otherwise provided in these By-laws, have the same privileges and obligations as other Ordinary Members

10. Corporate Member

- (1) A corporate body may become a Member of the Society and shall be known as a Corporate Member.
- (2) The annual subscription of a Corporate Member shall be five times the annual subscription of an Ordinary Member.

- (3) (a) A Corporate Member shall appoint a person as its representative for the purposes of the Society and may appoint a second person to act as its representative for the purpose of the Society where the first-mentioned person is absent or unavailable. The Corporate Member may remove any person so appointed and may appoint another person in his or her place.
 (b) A Corporate Member may appoint not more than five persons to have, subject to these By-laws, the privileges of the Society and may remove any such person and may appoint another in his or her place.
- (4) Subject to these By-laws and, in particular (5), (6), (7) and (8) of this By-law, a Corporate Member shall have the same privileges and obligations as an Ordinary Member except that it shall not have the right of eligibility for office or from Membership of the Council or of proposing new Members.
- (5) The representative of a Corporate Member appointed under (3) (a) of this By-law shall be entitled to exercise its right of voting at General Meetings of the Society and may sign on its behalf, a request for a Special General Meeting (Rule 12 (5)), be counted in a quorum (Rule 15), may join in a demand for a poll (Rule 19) and may appoint a proxy on behalf of the Corporate Member (Rule 21).
- (6) A person appointed under 3 (b) of this By-law may, while so appointed and so long as the Corporate Member continues to be a Member of the Society, have the rights and privileges of the Society.
- (7) By-law 4 shall not apply to a Corporate Member.
- (8) For the purpose of Rule 9(1), any refusal or neglect to comply with the Rules and By-laws of the Society by a person appointed under (3) (a) or (b) of these By-laws or conduct of any such person, which in the opinion of the Council, is unbecoming of a Member or prejudicial to the interests of the Society, shall be deemed to be refusal, neglect or conduct of the Corporate Member which appointed that person.

11. Rights and Privileges of Membership:

Unless otherwise stated in these By-laws Ordinary Members, Fellows, Life Members, Country Members, Student Members, Family Members and Corporate Members shall be entitled to:

- a) Attend all Ordinary meetings and lectures of the Society
- b) Attend special lectures and symposia organized by or in association with the Society at a reduced cost.
- c) Receive an electronic copy of the Society's Proceedings and Transactions with a printed copy being available on payment of an annual surcharge as determined from time to time by Council.
- d) Special parking access to the Society's property, at their own risk, on the terms and with the conditions determined from time to time by Council.

12. Obligations of Membership:

- a) All classes of Membership undertake to accept and conform to the Rules and the various By-Laws of the Royal Society of Victoria that are in force at the time and must sign the Obligation Form.
- b) Members undertake not to act in ways prejudicial to the Royal Society of Victoria and its purposes, nor to act in ways likely to bring the Royal Society of Victoria into disrepute.
- c) Determination of these matters shall be by the Council of the Royal Society and in accordance with the Rules of the Society.

13. Membership Dues

Membership dues for all classes of Membership shall be determined by Council from time to time.

14. Nomination

- a) A nomination for Membership shall be made on the form in Appendix 1 and submitted with a brief Curriculum Vitae or one page statement of the nominee's interest in science.
- b) Nomination must be accompanied by payment (by cash, cheque or credit card authority) of a \$50.00 non-refundable joining fee, except for Student membership where the joining fee is waived.



NOMINATION for Membership of the Royal Society of Victoria (Inc)

I,

Title (circle one) Prof Em/ Prof Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Occupation request your consideration for membership of The Royal Society of Victoria. My Curriculum Vitae or statement of my interests in science and \$50.00 non-refundable joining fee is attached (the "Joining fee" is waived for Student Membership).

Degrees and decorations.....

Correspondence Address:)

State Postcode..... Country (if not Australia).....

Email address:.....@.....

Telephone: (.....)..... Mobile:.....

Date of Birth:// **(required for statistical purposes only)**

Areas of scientific expertise are
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Scientific interests in the fields of
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In the event of my acceptance as a Member, I agree to abide by the current Rules and By-Laws of the Society and to endeavour to promote the Society's purposes, interests and welfare.

Signature of Applicant:..... Date:/...../ 201....

I, : (Full name) a Member of the Society, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for Membership of the Society.

Signature of Proposer..... Date:/...../ 201....

I, : (Full name) a Member of the Society, second the nomination of the applicant, for Membership of the Society.

Signature of Secunder Date:/...../ 201....

OFFICE USE ONLY

Joining Fee paid/...../ 201...	CV Received:...../...../ 201...
Nominated:/...../ 201...	Elected:/...../ 201...
Register:/...../ 201...	Database:/...../ 201...