

## ARTICLE X

### Membership in the Society

#### Section 1.

Any citizen of the United States, born in Ireland or of Irish lineage, of good moral character and of the age of eighteen and upward shall be eligible for membership.

#### Section 2.

Candidates for membership shall submit their applications in writing to the Secretary or Membership Chair on forms provided for that purpose stating name, address, email address, **telephone number**, occupation, date and place of birth, the basis of their Irish lineage and signed by **a two** sponsoring members of the Society in good standing. Such application shall contain a declaration that the applicant agrees to be bound by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society and to receive society notifications by email or postings on the society website. The applicable membership fee as determined by the Board of Management shall accompany completed applications.

#### Section 4.

It shall be the duty of the Membership Chairman to notify applicants and Acknowledge receipt of their applications. He/~~she then~~ shall **then** notify the Treasurer and Secretary at least **48 hours prior to ~~days before~~** each regular meeting giving all pertinent data, including name, occupation, address, sponsor, etc. After the Membership Committee has processed the application, the Membership Committee shall send the applicant an invitation to attend the meeting at which time his/~~her~~ name is to be submitted for election to membership.

#### Section 5.

New members shall be elected only at regular meetings provided that their Names have been published either on the meeting notice sent to the general membership or posted on the Society's website. Unless ~~the Board~~ a majority of the Membership Committee waives the requirement for good cause, the applicant, accompanied by at least one sponsor, must attend the meeting at which he/she is to be voted upon and inducted. If applicant fails to attend a meeting within the year or such extended period, as approved by the Board, his/her membership fee will be forfeited. The vote of three-fourths of the members present and voting shall be required for the election of an applicant to membership. Upon being elected, the applicant shall become a life member in the Society. Applicant acknowledges and agrees, upon being inducted as a life member, to receive society notifications by email and to notify the society of any change in members email or mailing address submitted on member's original application submission.

#### Section 6.

The resignation of a member shall not be accepted unless tendered in writing.

#### Section 7.

No member shall be expelled except at a regular meeting after a hearing Before the Society. The cause for such expulsion must have been assigned in writing at a regular meeting prior to such hearing. Notice of the hearing with a copy of the charges shall be served upon such member personally or left at his residence as the same appears last upon the rolls of the Society, at least ten days prior to said hearing, which notice with a copy of the charges, the Secretary is hereby required to give. No member shall be expelled without the consent and approval of three-fourths of the members present and voting when the vote upon such expulsion is taken. The vote upon the expulsion of a Member shall always be by secret ballot.