

Suggested MSA constitution Section 8 to 11

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(2) The application—

- (a) must be in a form approved by the Committee; and
- (b) must address any criteria for membership listed at the Association website; and
- ~~(c) must be signed by the applicant; and~~
- (d) may be accompanied by the joining fee.

Note

The joining fee is the fee (if any) determined by the Association under rule 12(3).

10 Consideration of application

(1) As soon as practicable after an application for membership is received, the Committee **or persons delegated by the committee [i.e. the membership committee]** must decide by resolution whether to accept or reject the application.

(2) **The committee must vote to accept or reject the application.**

(3) The Committee **or persons delegated by the committee** must notify the applicant in writing of its decision as soon as practicable after the decision is made.

(4) If the ~~Committee or persons delegated by the committee~~ rejects the application is rejected, ~~it must return~~ any money accompanying the application must be returned to the applicant.

(5) No reason need be given for the rejection of an application.

11 New membership

(1) If an application for membership is approved by the Committee ~~or persons delegated by the committee~~—

(a) the resolution to accept the membership must be recorded in the minutes of the next committee meeting; and

(b) the **Secretary** **or persons delegated by the committee** must, as soon as practicable, enter the name and address of the new member, and the date of becoming a member, in the register of members.

(2) A person becomes a member of the Association and, subject to rule 13(2), is entitled to exercise his or her rights of membership from the date, whichever is the later, on which—

- (a) ~~the Committee approves~~ the person's membership is approved; or
- (b) the person pays the joining fee.

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