

New Business – Membership Class Definitions

The committee has reviewed the membership categories and the latest membership brochure and has issued this report.

The by-laws define four classes of membership:

Individual

Organization

Honorary

Family

The bylaws also state that the BOD may add additional membership classes.

The committee recommends the following:

Individual membership should be shown in the membership brochure as such for \$50.00. There should be no reference to at-large or chapter membership. The brochure should encourage the applicant to seek out and join a local chapter also. Chapters who distribute the brochures should have their identification on the brochure and the brochure should have a white space for them to add a label or stamp.

Family membership should be shown in the brochure as such for \$7.00. An additional statement should be added: "living in the same household as individual member". This is in accordance with the by-law description of this category.

Student membership should be shown in the brochure as 14-24 for \$16.00. This is a class not listed in the bylaws but was established by BOD action.

Youth membership should be removed from the brochure. If in fact this class was established by the BOD, it should be deleted by BOD action. The age group (5-12) does not make decisions or have the money to join directly. The NRHS would prefer a parent to join and the youth be included as a family member.

The Organization class is not listed in the brochure and actually should be changed to the new Affiliate class. The committee is not sure if this class should be shown in the brochure or not. The BOD should consider this option.

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Based on the above, the committee proposes the following motions:

1. Membership class for youth is removed from the classes available to join the NRHS. Membership in the student class is limited to people aged 14 thru 24 on the first day of the calendar year of membership.
2. All family members currently on the NRHS membership list that do not report the same address as the primary member will be advised during the next membership renewal period that they must renew as a primary member.
3. A proposed amendment to the by-laws to change the membership class of "Organization" to "Affiliate" in Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph b is hereby authorized by the BOD to be put to a vote of the membership at the annual meeting in 2018.