

## Membership Committee Report to the NAC 2023 Annual General Meeting

### Summary

The membership committee met over a number of months and observed the following:

Nationally, decline over the past 10 plus years due to aging and resignations have reduced our membership by approximately 35%. (From nearly 1,300 to slightly over 800).

At the branch/affiliate level there are still too many membership categories in use and to administer. The committee will be recommending one membership category for application by all branches/affiliates.

A common and simplified membership category would also assist all the branches in their membership administration. This would entail phasing out member categories that will not be supported eventually at the national level.

That branch specific (other) categories presently in use will be grandfathered until their terms expire. The Wild Apricot (WA) system can accommodate these categories at present and the Membership Committee will continue to review "other" categories and make recommendations to the Board for their final disposition.

Currently, only three branches have fully embraced the WA system in managing their membership functions.

The Wild Apricot features can assist branches by enhancing their service to branch members as the WA has many functionalities. Branches not currently on the WA system should and are requested to migrate to the WA system to maximize its utilities.

### Recommendations for consideration at the AGM:

**Move:** That the members approve a single category of NAC membership, namely "REGULAR Member", for all NAC branches and affiliates.

Within this Regular membership, there are to be three fee classes:

- Regular members at \$70 per annum (national's levy is \$40)
- Serving members at \$50 per annum (national's levy is \$40)
- Introductory members - \$0 in the first year for new members. (national 's levy is \$0) This may be extended by the branch based on individual circumstances (i.e. students, and those under training)

The above rates will be applied starting in the 2024 financial year.

**Move:** That other branch specific categories presently in use will be grandfathered until their terms expire. The Wild Apricot system will continue to accommodate these categories until they are fully phased out.

The Membership Committee will continue to review these "other" categories and make recommendations to the Board for consideration in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted

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