



A policy of the Muskegon Railroad Historical Society Defining Membership

Enacted this September 19, 2006, the MRHS Board of Directors enact the following policy regulating membership definitions for the MRHS.

Definitions, Rights, Responsibilities and Qualifications of Membership

Rights of membership are in accordance with the general terms outlined in the bylaws of the MRHS and shall also include varying rights based on membership classification. The MRHS Board of directors is entitled to review any application or current member for approval and acceptance as a member, and all membership is subject to termination/suspension according to the bylaws and policies of the MRHS. Specific classifications, rights, responsibilities and qualifications are defined and designated as follows:

1. Individual Membership:

1.1. Definition of Individual Membership

1.1.1. An individual membership is defined as any individual who demonstrates an interest in and participates in the goals, objectives, and ideals of the MRHS and who has paid their individual membership fees for the corresponding calendar year per the MRHS Membership Fees and Special Assessments Policy

1.2. Individual Membership Rights

1.2.1. Access to MRHS Building during regularly scheduled club hours or any time when a key holding member is present and available to grant access into the building.

1.2.2. Access to the MRHS Library, including ability to check out materials according to the policies set forth in the Library Usage and Material Check Out Policy.

1.2.3. Access to and operation of any and all layouts of the MRHS, including usage of club owned equipment, locomotives and rolling stock.

1.2.4. Ability to cast one (1) vote in all general elections

1.2.5. Ability to move, support, and vote on any motions during the monthly General Membership Meeting.

1.3. Individual Membership Responsibilities

1.3.1. Uphold and participate in the goals, ideals, and activities of the MRHS

1.3.2. Pay annual membership dues per the MRHS policy regulating Membership Dues.

1.4. Individual Membership Qualifications

1.4.1. Minimum age of 16 at the time of application.

2. Family Membership:

2.1. Definition of Family Membership

2.1.1. A family membership is defined as membership extended to a family resulting in the designation of a single primary member, and subsequent secondary members. The secondary members are defined as the spouse and any children under the age of 18 and under the legal guardianship of the primary member. This membership is granted for families that demonstrate an interest in and participate in the goals, objectives, and ideals of the MRHS and who have paid their family membership fees for the corresponding calendar year per the MRHS Membership Fees and Special Assessments Policy

2.2. Family Membership Rights, Responsibilities and Qualifications

2.2.1. Primary Membership within a Family Membership is granted all of the membership rights, responsibilities and qualifications as an Individual Membership as defined above.

2.2.2. Secondary Membership within a Family Membership is granted all of the membership rights, responsibilities and qualifications as an Individual Membership as defined above with the exception that secondary members are not entitled to vote during any election and are not eligible to make motions, support motions or vote for any business item during the general membership meetings without following the guidelines for proxy voting per the MRHS Absentee and Proxy Ballot policy.

3. Lifetime Membership

3.1. Definition of Lifetime Membership

3.1.1. A lifetime membership is defined as membership that shall be granted for the lifetime of the individual who has made a significant contribution or donation to the MRHS, or one who has paid the Lifetime Membership fee per the MRHS Membership Fees and Special Assessments Policy

3.2. Lifetime Membership Rights, Responsibilities and Qualifications

3.2.1. Lifetime Membership is granted all of the membership rights, responsibilities and qualifications as outlined above for the Individual Membership.

4. Honorary Membership

4.1. Definition of Honorary Membership.

4.1.1. An Honorary Membership is granted to individuals who have exemplified the goals and ideals of the MRHS through their service to the MRHS. This designation will be bestowed upon an individual by the MRHS Board of Directors at their discretion. At the time of establishment, the Board of Directors will specify the details as to why an individual is being given this honorary membership, and the terms and conditions that may apply to the membership.

4.2. Terms of Honorary Membership

4.2.1. Unless specified by the Board of Directors at the time of designation, Honorary Memberships will be granted for the life of the member to which the membership is bestowed.

4.3. Honorary Membership Rights, Responsibilities, and Qualifications

4.3.1. Honorary Membership is granted the right to use of the MRHS facility during published open hours or when a key holding member is present. It is the intent of this membership class to be an honorary designation given to those that go above and beyond in service to the MRHS.

Signatures:

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