

BLG.2022.02

Title: *By-Law-Membership*



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Associated Documents: • [Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act S.C. 2009, c.23](#)

BLG.2022.02.1

Membership Conditions

Membership of this organization shall consist of:

Individual Members

- a. Individual voting membership will be available to members in good standing.
- b. Individual memberships will be annual and may be renewed according to the organization's policies.
- c. The Council will determine the fee structure for dues of individual and Institutional memberships.
- d. As outlined in the articles, each member is entitled to receive notice of, attend, and vote at all member meetings, and each member will have one vote at these meetings.
- e. Individual members may hold any position on the Council, if appropriately elected or appointed, including that of the Executive.

Institutional Members

- a. Institutional membership will be available to organizations and other institutions (e.g., community groups, cultural centres, universities or colleges, professional associations, Indigenous governments, provincial/territorial governments) in good standing.
- b. Institutional memberships will be annual and may be renewed according to the organization's policies.
- c. As set out in the articles, each Institutional member is entitled to receive notice of, attend, and vote at all meetings of members. Each Institutional member is entitled to one (1) vote at such meetings.
- d. Institutional members may hold only the Director-At-Large seat(s) on the Council that have been designated for Institutional members.

Pursuant to [subsection 197\(1\)](#) (Fundamental Change) of the Act, a special resolution of the members is required to make any amendments to this section of the by-laws if those amendments affect membership rights and/or conditions described in paragraphs 197(1)(e), (h), (l) or (m).

BLG.2022.02.2 Membership Dues

1. Members will be notified in writing of the membership dues payable by them at any time.
2. Membership dues follow the calendar year, running from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Membership, regardless of when paid during the year, is valid for the year in question and is non-transferable and non-prorated.
3. Unpaid dues: If a member has not paid dues within thirty (30) days after January 1, their membership will be considered lapsed. Lapsed memberships may be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current year.
4. The Council may, from time to time, provide scholarship memberships to members as part of a campaign or to a group of members as defined by Council resolution.
5. Individual Members may pay a one-time fee for a lifetime membership.

BLG.2022.02.3 Termination of Members

1. Membership in this organization ends if and when:
 - a. the member dies, or, in the case of a member that is an organization or institution, that organization or institution is dissolved;
 - b. the member is not in good standing;
 - c. the member resigns by delivering a written resignation to the Council Secretary or any of the Executive members of the Council;
 - d. the member is suspended or expelled for violating organization policies concerning privacy, ethics, and the Code of Conduct; in such cases, the matter will be presented and reviewed by the Council, and the Council will determine the outcome.
 - e. an institution or organization replaces its designated member
 - f. NIKLA is dissolved under the Act
2. As outlined in the articles, when membership ends, all rights of the member immediately cease to exist.
3. No portion of membership dues will be refunded for partial years.

BLG.2022.02.4 Review Cycle

This By-Law will be reviewed at least every three years.

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