

**Type:** By-Law**Authority:** Board**Resolution No.:** NIKLA AGM 2022-005**Associated Documents:**

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

**BLG.2022.02.1****Membership Conditions**

Subject to the articles, there shall be two classes of members in the Corporation, namely, Class A members and Class B members. The board of directors of the Corporation may, by resolution, approve the admission of the members of the Corporation. Members may also be admitted in such other manner as may be prescribed by the board by resolution. The following conditions of membership shall apply:

**Class A Members**

- Class A voting membership shall be available only to individual practitioners with a vested interest in Indigenous knowledges such as language, heritage/culture, libraries, museums, archives, etc. and who have applied and have been accepted for Class A voting membership in the Corporation.
- The term of membership of a Class A voting member shall be annual, subject to renewal in accordance with the policies of the Corporation.
- As set out in the articles, each Class A voting member is entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of members and each such Class A voting member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at such meetings.
- Class A members may hold any seat in the corporation including that of the Executive.
- Class A voting members shall be referred to as “Individual Membership” in public documents.

**Class B Members**

- Class B voting membership shall be available only to Local Organizations (e.g. Community groups, local regional organizations) and Institutional members (e.g. universities, Associations, provincial/territorial governments) and who have applied and have been accepted for Class B membership in the Corporation.
- The term of membership of a Class B voting member shall be annual, subject to renewal in accordance with the policies of the Corporation.
- As set out in the articles, each Class B voting member is entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of members and each such Class B voting member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at such meetings.
- Class B members may hold only the seat an At Large Director seat designated for Class B members.
- All Class B voting members shall be referred to as “Organizational Membership” in public documents, regardless of their size or affiliation.

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 shall be notified in writing of the membership dues at any time payable by them and, if any are not paid within one (1) calendar month of the membership renewal date, the members in default shall automatically cease to be members of the Corporation. Any member not active may pay their dues at the meeting, if face to face, and be qualified to vote at that meeting.
2. Membership, regardless of when paid in the year, is for the year in question, and not transferable or prorated. Membership dues follow the fiscal, and run from January 1 through December 31 of each year.
3. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, provide scholarship memberships to members as part of a campaign or to a group of members as defined by the Board by resolution.
4. Membership for Individual Members may be paid as a lifetime membership for a set fee.

### **BLG.2022.02.3            Termination of Members**

1. A membership in the Corporation is terminated when:
  - a. the member dies, or, in the case of a member that is a corporation, the corporation is dissolved;
  - b. a member fails to maintain any qualifications for membership described in Section 2.01 of these by-laws;
  - c. the member resigns by delivering a written resignation to the Council Secretary or any of the Co-Leads of the Corporation in which case such resignation shall be effective on the date specified in the resignation;
  - d. the member is expelled in accordance with Section 3.03 below or is otherwise terminated in accordance with the articles or by-laws;
  - e. the member's term of membership expires;
  - f. the Local or Institution agency replaces the member; or
  - g. the Corporation is liquidated or dissolved under the Act.
2. Subject to the articles, upon any termination of membership, the rights of the member, including any rights in the property of the Corporation, automatically 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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