

Article 11: Members

Section 1. Determination and Rights of Members

The Corporation shall have the following membership classes: Personal Membership (Single Vote); Team/Family Membership (Two Votes); RMBBQA Cup Sponsor (Non-Voting); and a Personal Lifetime Membership (Single Vote). No member shall hold more than one membership in the Corporation. Except as expressly provided in or authorized by the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of this Corporation or provisions of law, all memberships shall have the same rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions.

Section 2. Qualifications of Members

The qualifications for membership in this Corporation are as follows: Anyone over age 18 who wishes to promote barbecue.

Section 3. Admission of Members

Applicants shall be admitted to membership upon filing a completed application for membership, payment of annual dues, and approval by the Board of Directors or the membership committee. All meetings regarding approval of membership by the Board of Directors or the membership committee will be private with no guests permitted. All actions by the committee or the Board of Directors regarding approval of new members will be done in executive session with no minutes taken.

Section 4. Fees and Dues

The annual dues payable to the Corporation by members shall be as follows: Personal Membership - \$30 and Team/Family Membership - \$50. Members resigning during the year will not be entitled to any refund of dues. The Personal Lifetime Membership shall be \$300 and is valid for the life of the Member. Members resigning with the lifetime membership will not be entitled to any refund of dues. The RMBBQA Cup Sponsor class of membership is a non-prorated annual membership of \$250.00.

Section 5. Number of Members

There is no limit on the number of members the Corporation may admit.

Section 6. Membership Book

The Corporation shall keep a membership book containing the name and address of each member. Termination of the membership of any member shall be recorded in the book, together with the date of termination of such membership. Such book shall be kept at the Corporation's principal office or such other location authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Elimination of Annual Meeting

The requirement of an annual meeting of members of this Corporation eliminated.

Section 8. Nontransferability of Memberships

No member may transfer a membership or any right arising wherefrom. All rights of membership cease upon the member's death.

Section 9. Termination of Membership

The membership of a member shall terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- Upon his or her notice of such termination delivered to the President or Secretary of the Corporation personally or by mail, such membership to terminate upon the date of delivery of the notice or date of deposit in the mail.
- If this Corporation has provided for the payment of dues by members, upon a failure to renew his or her membership by paying dues on or before their due date, such termination to be effective thirty (30) days after a written notification of delinquency is given personally or mailed to such member by the Secretary of the Corporation. A member may avoid such termination by paying the amount of delinquent dues within a thirty (30) day period following the member's receipt of the written notification of delinquency.
- After providing the member with reasonable written notice and an opportunity to be heard either orally or in writing, not less than five days prior to the effective date of the termination or expulsion, upon a determination by the Board of Directors that the member has engaged in conduct materially prejudicial to the interests or purposes of the Corporation. Any person expelled from the Corporation shall not receive a refund of dues already paid for the current dues period.
- All rights of a member in the Corporation shall cease on termination of membership as herein provided.

Section 10. Code of Conduct

Each member is personally responsible for ensuring he or she conducts themselves in a high standard to ensure and secure public confidence and support. All members are responsible for their actions and for conducting themselves with integrity.

Any failure on the part of a member to meet any of the standards embodied in this Code of Conduct will be subject to action by the Board of Directors of the RMBBQA. Action(s) may include: "probation" period, suspension, or removal from the membership roster of the RMBBQA.

Action will be taken at a RMBBQA Board Meeting and the member in question will be allowed to go into an executive session with the board prior to a determination being made on action to be taken.

Fraudulent or illegal conduct

Fraudulent or illegal conduct includes, but is not limited to, any oral or written misrepresentation of facts, misappropriation of funds, theft, or any other dishonest acts. Fraudulent or illegal conduct committed in the name of the RMBBQA is grounds for an immediate removal from the membership roster.