

Membership - Associate

Reference: Last Amended: Executive Board Meeting – September 2015

In accordance with the provisions of Article 3.08 of the UNA Constitution, members who have retired or resigned and are therefore no longer paying dues to UNA shall be eligible for Associate Membership.

Criteria

1. An individual seeking Associate Membership shall submit an application form to the Executive Officers of UNA.
2. The Executive Officers shall review the application and may grant or deny the application for Associate Membership status. The decision of the Executive Officers shall be communicated to the applicant and the Chartered Local where the applicant was last a member. If the Executive Officers deny the application, the member may appeal the decision to the Executive Board.
3. The Executive Board shall have the power to revoke Associate Membership if at any time the Associate Member is found to be in conflict with the UNA Constitution or Policies or is working in the interest of any organization competing with the UNA or if the member is more than three months in arrears of making the Annual payment of fees.
4. An annual invoice for the Associate Membership fee and a membership renewal form shall be sent to Associate Members. Upon receipt of the fee, a new Associate Membership card shall be issued.
5. Associate Members shall be entitled to attend a Local, District and Provincial Delegate Meetings of UNA as a guest as follows:
 - a. Attendance to a Local meeting is subject to prior approval from the Local President.
 - b. Attendance to a District meeting, is subject to prior approval from the District Chair,
 - c. Attendance to a Provincial delegate meeting, is subject to prior approval from the President of UNA.
 - d. All costs for such attendance shall be borne by the Associate Member.
6. Associate Members shall not be entitled to hold elected office in UNA or vote at meetings of UNA.
7. Associate Members shall not be included in the Local count when establishing delegate entitlement, District Representative entitlement or when calculating Local funding.
8. Associate Members shall receive the UNA News bulletin, and have access to UNA Net, excluding DMS, and Negotiations Conference.
9. Up to five Associate UNA members (per year) would be provincially funded to attend the Annual General Meeting. The funding would include transportation (to a maximum of \$750.00), accommodations, and meals (including a ticket to the banquet). If more than five members applied then a lottery would be held to determine the attendees.