



ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Classes of Membership

There shall be five (5) classifications of membership of this corporation: Regular, Honorary, Sustaining, Corporate, and Provisional.

The aggregate number of Regular and Provisional Members shall not exceed 250. Sustaining and Honorary Members shall not be included in the 250 membership cap. Each Krewe shall have no more than 50 Regular and Provisional Members.

A member shall be defined as a household unit consisting of a single person or a head of household who has obtained the age of twenty-one (21) years. Head of Household (for Springtime Tallahassee, Inc. purposes) shall mean the designated head of the household between spouses, or individuals who have an unmarried “significant other”. Significant other (for Springtime Tallahassee, Inc. purposes) shall mean a person with whom one is engaged in an intimate relationship. A spouse or significant other shall be entitled to participate in the head of household’s membership privileges. However, the membership is indivisible and members of such household unit shall not be entitled to separate benefits of a membership. A Single Member shall be defined as one person. A married person, renewing as a single member, must have approval from the Board of Directors.

1. Regular Member: A Regular Member shall be a person of good character and community standing, having an interest in the promotion of Springtime Tallahassee. Regular Members shall be active, participating members of Krewes who are entitled to all rights and privileges of the corporation, including the right to nominate officers, vote and hold office.

Former Regular members may reapply for Regular Membership provided they were previous members in good standing and their applications are approved by the Board. Such members shall not have to serve in provisional status if that requirement has already been satisfied.

2. Provisional Member: A Provisional Member shall be a person of good character and community standing, having an interest in the promotion of Springtime Tallahassee and shall be subject to all the requirements of a Regular Member. Having been accepted to a one (1) year Provisional membership, the Provisional Member shall be assigned to a Krewe pursuant to Section 2 of this Article. Krewe assignments shall be made at a Board of Directors’ regular meeting. Upon admission to membership, a Provisional Membership which consists of two persons recognized as a couple whether married or unmarried must join together as a Household unit with a “Head of Household” (as defined in Article V, Section 1: Classes of Membership;). The Provisional Member shall be an active, participating member, having all the rights of a Regular Member, except the right to nominate officers or hold office.
3. Sustaining Member: A Regular Member who has been in good standing for a minimum of three (3) years may elect to become a Sustaining Member. A Sustaining Member shall be subject to and have all the rights of a Regular Member, except they shall no longer have the right to nominate Officers, vote, or hold office. Sustaining Members must pay Krewe dues if they desire Krewe membership, but shall not be counted as a Regular Member.

Former Regular and Sustaining Members may reapply to Springtime Tallahassee for Sustaining Membership provided they were a previous Regular or Sustaining Member in good standing for five (5) continuous years and their application is approved by the Board.

4. Corporate Member: A Corporate Member is a one year membership available to a business, corporation or organization that contributes \$5,000 or more of in-kind service or financial donation. A \$5,000 contribution shall entitle the Corporate Member to one membership for the year. A \$10,000 or more contribution shall entitle the Corporate Member to two memberships for the year. Additional memberships for larger contributions may be requested, but shall require Board approval.

Corporate Members will have the same rights as a Sustaining Member and may attend the five major functions. These Members must pay Krewe dues if they desire Krewe Membership, but shall not be counted as a Regular Member.

5. Honorary Member: The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may elect Honorary Members with membership terms of one (1) year.

Section 2. Admission to Membership

Vacancies in membership shall be filled in the following manner. Applications may be filed with Springtime Tallahassee, Inc. at any time during the year. A non-refundable initiation fee, in an amount established by the Board of Directors, shall accompany the application for membership in order for the application to be considered.

All applications shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

If an applicant's first Krewe preference is filled by the time his application is considered in numerical order, the applicant will be automatically assigned to his second through fifth choices, subject to space availability. If there are no openings in his first through fifth choices, the applicant's name will be placed on the waiting list. If said Krewe(s) is/are filled, the applicant will be placed on the waiting list for consideration the following year. If an applicant is offered the highest choice available and declines, the application will expire and re-application must be made.

The Board of Directors shall approve applications for membership to fill vacancies. After approval by the Board, the applicant shall be advised of approval and requested that membership dues be forwarded to Springtime Tallahassee, Inc., immediately, to confirm membership. If dues are not received within thirty (30) days after notification of acceptance, it shall be presumed the applicant no longer desires that membership.

Each applicant shall be sponsored by two (2) members of Springtime Tallahassee. The sponsors shall be regular members of Springtime Tallahassee, Inc. At least one of the applicant's sponsors must be a member of the applicant's Krewe of first preference. The sponsors of a new member shall personally sign the application for membership.

New Provisional Members shall be required to provide a minimum of ten (10) hours to the Springtime organization in positions as designated by the General Chairman. Single Members shall be required to provide a minimum of five (5) hours to the Springtime organization as designated by the General Chairman. These hours are in addition to the volunteer time given to their Krewe.

In the case of a Provisional Member who fails to satisfy these participation requirements, the provisional status of the membership may be extended by one year and shall coincide with the time the member remains on participation warning.

A member who does not fulfill the participation requirements for the second year will be notified in writing by the Krewe Chief no later than April 20th that the membership will not be renewed for the following year.

Section 3. Rejection of Membership Application

The Board of Directors may reject any application for membership.

Section 4. Krewe Member Participation Requirements

At a minimum, all Krewe members must attend two (2) separate Krewe functions and serve four (4) hours on Krewe projects. Krewe By-laws may provide for additional participation requirements. The more stringent of the two participation requirements shall apply to remain in good standing with the Krewe. These criteria must be met annually. Those members who do not meet the Krewe's participation requirements will be notified of being placed on Participation warning for one year by the Krewe Chief. The Krewe Chief will explain the various membership options to each member placed on Participation warning. The Springtime office will be notified by of each member placed on participation warning for the next year.

Section 5. Change of Status – Marital Status

1. When a Regular Member of Springtime Tallahassee in good standing receives a Final_Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage during the Springtime Tallahassee year, that membership may be continued by one spouse only.
2. It will be the responsibility of the divorcing couple to determine the ownership of the Springtime Tallahassee Membership. If, at the end of the membership year, the full membership has not been conceded to one (1) spouse, the membership will be terminated by the Springtime Tallahassee Board and that vacancy filled by standard procedure.
3. The spouse not awarded membership in Springtime Tallahassee, shall be accorded first priority status when reapplying for membership in their own Krewe and the same status as a transfer when reapplying for membership in another Krewe. The spouse reapplying for membership in Springtime shall utilize the standard application procedures except that he or she will not have to serve provisional status, if that requirement has already been satisfied and will not be required to pay the application fee.

Section 6. Transfers Between Krewes

A Krewe member may request transfer to another Krewe after serving for a minimum of two (2) years in a Krewe. Any year in which the member is on Participation Warning will not be included in the two-year requirement. A member on Participation Warning may not request a transfer.

Transfer request to Krewes will be filled before new applications are accepted and will be made in order of date of request. An applicant who has been on a waiting list for membership in a particular Krewe for three (3) consecutive years shall have priority over a member with only two years membership who is requesting a transfer to that Krewe.

Section 7. Discipline or Termination of Members

Any membership that has not been renewed and paid by July 31 of each year shall be assessed a late payment of \$50.00. Renewal memberships not paid by the August board meeting shall be terminated as of that date.

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained within these By-laws, a member may be suspended from membership for unbecoming conduct, effective immediately, by any three members of the Executive Committee acting in concert. Such charge shall be presented to the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Any member charged with unbecoming conduct and against whom such charges are sustained, after a due and proper hearing before the Board of Directors (which shall be held within 60 days) or who is not in good standing, may be disciplined up to and including expulsion from membership, by the Board of Directors.

As a disciplinary measure, the Board of Directors may remove a member from any position of leadership or status within the corporation, which may include, but not be limited to: Krewe Officer; Board Officer or Director; or membership on the Andrew Jackson Staff.

When a member is expelled or his membership canceled, all membership rights and privileges shall terminate immediately.

Section 8. Membership Standing

To be in good standing, a member shall satisfy all requirements, including participation requirements and the payment of duly levied dues, fees and assessments of the membership class, (Article V, Section 1) and all groups within the corporation to which the member belongs. Failure of a member to remain in good standing in the corporation or in any group shall be grounds for the imposition of sanctions in accordance with Article V Section 7. It shall be the responsibility of the selected leader of the group of the corporation, respectively to invoke the provisions of this section.