



MEMBERSHIP RULES MAY 2016

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Application Process for New Members

Membership applications are submitted to the Steering Committee's sub-committee for review and approval, where information about the organization is insufficient, these will be cross-referenced by SC members before approval can be granted.

Applicants will be considered for membership if their organizations carry out at least one of the following anti-death penalty activities:

- Lobbying at the local, national, regional or international level;
- Participation to WCADP campaigns, World Day, Moratorium campaign and OP2 campaign;
- Getting media coverage on the topic or to promote a campaign or an individual cases;
- Organizing an event for World Day;
- Developing and using WCADP tools to raise awareness with the public at large;
- Adapting and/or translating WCADP tools available on the website to promote distribution and reach as many as possible.

All unsuccessful applications will be provided with a letter detailing reason for the refusal, and what further information might be helpful in order to reconsider the application.

Membership Fees

Members will pay the following annual membership fee, based on their annual operational budget.

For organizations with less than 30,000€ (thirty thousand) – Membership Fee 50€

For organizations with less than 70,000€ (seventy thousand) – Membership Fee 100€

For organizations with more than 70,000€ (seventy thousand) – Minimum Membership Fee 150€

Exemption of Membership Fees

Members can send a request for exemption of payment in a letter explaining the financial difficulties in settling their dues. This request will be reviewed by the Steering Committee's sub-committee.

Any member applying for an exemption must write an official letter with the organization's letterhead to the World Coalition explaining:

1. The extraordinary circumstances¹ that mean they are unable to pay;
2. What their plan is for being able to pay again, and the date they think this will happen;
3. Details of other support they are currently giving to the World Coalition, through their actions, campaigns and direct assistance in kind (e.g. serving on Steering Committee, doing translations).

There will be no circumstances in which an exemption will be automatically granted, and an exemption will not be granted without these details.

Members cannot be granted exemption of their membership fee for more than two consecutive years.

Subsequent exemptions might be granted under exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case review by the Steering Committee.

Non-Payment of Membership Fees

After two-year of non-payment of membership fees, the member will be contacted three times to have the opportunity to settle the outstanding fee(s), then without payment the membership will be terminated.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The twenty members are elected at the annual General Assembly for a two-year mandate.

Organizations are elected to the SC and then delegate or choose a representative. Consequently it is the organization that is accountable when it is elected to the SC.

The elected members are expected to attend 50% of meetings (physical & Skype) at minima. They should nominate themselves for at least one Working Group during their tenure, be active and responsive.

When the representative of an organization cannot fulfill his/her duty, the organization must notify the Steering Committee and if this 'absence' is expected to last more than 2 months, a new 'interim' representative should be appointed in the best possible time by the organization concerned

¹ This can cover the issue of political changes in the country or the geographical location of the organization.