

# OREGON SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

## MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

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Article I: Membership. With respect to interactions with members or those applying to be members, the Governing Board shall not cause or allow conditions, procedures, or decisions that are unsafe, undignified, unnecessarily intrusive, or that fail to provide appropriate confidentiality or privacy.

Article I, Section 1. Membership Categories.

Professional school counselors and other interested in school counseling are eligible for membership in various membership categories as specified in the bylaws.

- a. Professional Membership. Professional members must hold a masters degree or higher in counseling or the substantial equivalent and meet one or more of the following requirements: be credentialed as a school counselor by a state, district, or territory of the United States or the credentialing agency of the country in which they practice; be employed as a school counselor or supervisor of school counselors; or be employed as a counselor educator in a graduate program that prepares school counselors.
- b. Retired Membership. Members who are in retirement and do not hold full time positions in school counseling are eligible for Retired Membership. Retired members must hold a masters degree or higher in counseling or the substantial equivalent; are or were credentialed as a school counselor by a state, district, or territory of the United State or the credentialing agency of the country in which they practice; or were employed as a school counselor, supervisor of school counselors, or counselor educator in a graduate program that prepares school counselors.
- c. Student Membership. Students who are in a graduate program that prepares professional school counselors or the substantial equivalent having interests in the area of professional school counseling and who do not hold full time positions in school counseling are eligible for Student Membership.
- d. Affiliate Membership. Individuals interested in professional school counseling, who are not eligible for any other type of membership, may become Affiliate members.
- e. Allied Membership. Corporations or businesses interested in supporting the goals of OSCA may become Allied members.

In addition to the above-specified membership, the Governing Board, on occasion, may grant Lifetime Membership to individuals who have given outstanding service to OSCA or professional school counseling. Additionally, those individuals who have earned Lifetime Membership prior to June 30, 2001, per past bylaws and our former association as a division of Oregon Counseling Association (ORCA), will continue to be honored.

**The Governing Board may grant Honorary Membership to individuals or groups as deemed appropriate. Honorary members may receive OSCA publications or other services as determined by the Governing Board.**

Article I, Section 2. Rights and Privileges.

All members shall receive the rights and privileges accorded their membership categories as specified in the OSCA policies that address membership.

- a. Professional and Retired members may vote on all matters coming before the Association, shall be eligible to serve as members of the Delegate Assembly, and shall be eligible for election to the Governing Board of OSCA.
- b. Lifetime members may vote on all matters coming before the Association, shall be eligible to serve as members of the Delegate Assembly, and shall be eligible for election to the Governing Board of OSCA.
- c. Student members may vote in elections and serve on the board.
- d. Affiliate, allied and Honorary members are not eligible to vote, to serve as members of the Delegate Assembly, or to serve on the Governing Board of OSCA

Article I, Section 3. Severance of Membership.

Association members may be removed from membership.

- a. Members who are delinquent in paying membership dues shall have their membership revoked at the discretion of the Governing Board. Such membership may be reinstated upon the payment of dues.
- b. The Governing Board shall make determinations regarding all revocation of membership based on revocation of license or credential.

Article I, Section 4. Dues Structure.

- a. The Governing Board approves the dues structure.
- b. The following annual membership dues are in effect as of October 1, 2001:
  - Professional \$50
  - Retired \$30
  - Student \$25
  - Affiliate \$50
  - Allied \$200
  - Lifetime No dues
  - Honorary No dues
- c. OSCA annual membership dues will be renewed annually on a rolling membership structure.

Article 1, Section 5. Membership List Rental

- a. The Governing Board reviews and approves or disapproves all requests for membership list rental and distribution of materials produced by other organizations to OSCA members.
- b. Distribution of the membership list by the Governing Board shall be in the best interest of the membership.