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Application Type : New Member

Promoted (From Annual to Life)

Submitted By: Name is required - if application is submitted by a family member Signature: _____

Comments (if any): _____

Received By Name: Treasurer/Secretary Only _____

Signature: Treasurer/Secretary Only _____

GTSA receipt number: _____ Date : _____

Membership Application was approved by the Board of Directors on : _____

Signature : _____

Name : _____

Title : _____

Entered to GTSA Membership Database:

Assigned Membership ID:

Notes :.

Golden Triangle Sikh Association

Golden Triangle Sikh Association (GTSA) By-Law #1-2009, Article 5: Membership

5.1 Voting Members:

- (a) To be qualified as a Voting Member of the Gurdwara Sahib, a person shall be:
- (i) at least eighteen years of age;
 - (ii) a resident of Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Brant County, Perth County, and Wellington County;
 - (iii) a Sikh; *
 - (iv) approved by the Board of Directors as a Voting Member.
- (b) A qualified person seeking admission as a Voting Member of the Gurdwara Sahib shall submit an application for membership in the prescribed form to the Board of Directors. Application forms may be obtained at the head office of the Gurdwara Sahib. The Board of Directors shall advise an applicant in writing within 30 days of receipt of his application, if he has been accepted for membership.
- (c) Voting Members shall comply with the Letters Patent, the By-Laws and such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Members from time to time. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a person's Voting Membership in the Gurdwara Sahib.
- (d) Voting Members shall pay a membership fee:
- (i) annually, within the next three months after June 30th, in each year, in the amount of \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 for a married husband and wife, or
 - (ii) a one time membership fee of \$150.00 per person or \$300.00 for a married husband and wife.
- Failure to make a required payment within the time period specified above will result in the termination of membership.
- (e) If, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, a Voting Member:
- (i) resorts to physical violence, profanity, or harassment while in the Gurdwara;
 - (ii) participates in, assents to or acquiesces in an activity that may undermine the objectives of the Gurdwara Sahib;
 - (iii) belongs to an organization that may compromise the Sikh doctrine;
 - (iv) misrepresents the doctrine of the Sikh religion;
 - (v) engages in the dissemination of material or information that is discriminatory or hateful to the Sikh community;
 - (vi) fails to adhere to the objects and objectives of the Gurdwara Sahib; or
 - (vii) fails to meet the qualifications of a Voting Member;
- the Voting Member's membership may be terminated by the Board of Directors, provided that the Voting Member is first given the opportunity to appear before the Board to show why his or her membership should not be terminated. A Voting Member whose membership in the Gurdwara Sahib is terminated for any of the foregoing reasons, may re-apply for membership as a Voting Member, in which case his application for re-admission as a Voting Member shall be subject to approval of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which his application is being considered.
- (f) Subject to section 5.2, in the event a Voting Member's membership is terminated by reason of Section 5.1 (e) (vii), upon his regaining such qualifications, he may re-apply to the Board of Directors to be reinstated as a Voting Member of the Gurdwara Sahib.
- (g) If, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, a Voting Member fails to comply with the Rules of Conduct of the Gurdwara Sahib as established by the Voting Members from time to time and after appropriate disciplinary procedures determined by the Board have been implemented and the Voting Member continues to be in breach of such rules, the Voting Member's membership may be suspended by the Board of Directors, provided that the Voting Member is first given the opportunity to appear before the Board to show why his or her membership should not be suspended. At the next Annual General Meeting of the Members, the Voting Members in attendance shall determine, whether the Voting membership of the suspended Member shall be terminated, or reinstated. If terminated, the individual may re-apply for membership as a Voting Member, in which case his application for re-admission as a Voting Member shall be subject to approval of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which his application is being considered.
- (h) Voting Members shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of Members.
- (i) No Voting Member shall be entitled to vote on any matter coming before a meeting of Members by means of a proxy.

5.2 Non-Voting Members:

A Voting Member who no longer resides in the geographical area referred to in section 5.1(a)(ii) shall no longer be qualified as such, but may continue as a Non-Voting Member. A Non-Voting Member shall be entitled to attend Members Meetings of the Gurdwara Sahib and fully participate at such meetings but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter. Upon resuming residency in such geographical area, the Member's status as a Voting Member shall be restored.

- 5.3 Members shall not, as such, be held answerable or responsible for any act, default, obligation or liability of the Gurdwara Sahib or incurred by the Board of Directors or for any engagement, claim, payment, loss, injury, transaction, matter or thing related to or connected with the Gurdwara Sahib.

* Section 1. (p) "Sikh" means a person who believes in the teachings of the ten Gurus from Guru Nanak to Guru Gobind Singh and the Guru Granth Sahib and who does not believe in or belongs to any other religion or similar organization, and who has complete faith in the sanctity of the "5 K's";

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CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

1. Membership is open to both Men and Women. Person must be at least eighteen years of age
2. Members are expected to maintain high standards of personal and public conduct.

The following shall be the code of ethics and conduct for members.

- A member shall have complete faith in the sanctity of the Five“K”s.
- A member will advance the cause of the Association, whenever he/she has such an opportunity.
- A member shall abstain from smoking.
- No members will enter the premises of the Gurdwara under the influence of any intoxicating agent.
- A member will not resort to violence and abusive language in conducting the affairs of the Association.
- Members will refrain from rumor mongering and shall discourage others to do so, for the healthy and proper operation of the Association.
- A member will not belong to any organization(s) whose objective in any way conflicts with or undermines the doctrine of Sikh religion.
- A member will not be involved in the deliberate misrepresentation of the Sikh doctrine or indulge in any un-Sikh activity.
- Members will not by any words, acts or deed or in any other manner, disseminate or preach discrimination and/or hatred among the Sikhs on the basis of their background and appearance.

The Association has the right to reprimand and / or expel any member for a violation of the constitution or the Code of Ethics and Conduct.