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Title: Membership Policy

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The London Environmental Network helps protect the environment and build a sustainable community by doing everything we can to help our member organizations deliver on each of their own important missions. The London Environmental Network provides member organizations with shared resources, and training, outreach and collaboration opportunities so they can become stronger and work effectively together.

The London Environmental Network also connects groups to the London community, assists in volunteer recruitment, and promotes environmental events, initiatives and successes.

Membership

Subject to the articles of incorporation, there shall be one class of members in the Corporation. Membership in the Corporation shall be available to organizations interested in furthering the Corporation's purposes and who have applied for and been accepted into membership in the Corporation by resolution of the board or in such other manner as may be determined by the board. Each member shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of the members of the Corporation.

Membership Criteria:

Members must be a non-profit organization, which may include any non-profit corporation, association or network (incorporated or unincorporated) that have the following characteristics:

- Have their main location, a branch of operations or a base of operations be within London or immediate surrounding areas
- Have its own decision making process
- Ensure any profit made is not distributed to the members
- Exist to serve an environmental benefit (or at least a strong focus on environmental programs, actions and activities)
- Complete a Member application and be ratified by the LEN Board
- Pay the membership dues as set by the Board from time to time

Membership Transferability

A membership may only be transferred to the Corporation.

Quorum at Members' Meetings

A quorum at any meeting of the members (unless a greater number of members are required to be present by the Act) shall be 25 percent of the members entitled to vote at the meeting. If a quorum is present at the opening of a meeting of members, the

members present may proceed with the business of the meeting even if a quorum is not present throughout the meeting.

Votes to Govern at Members' Meetings

At any meeting of members every question shall, unless otherwise provided by the articles or by-laws or by the Act, be determined by a majority of the votes cast on the questions. In case of an equality of votes either on a show of hands or on a ballot or on the results of electronic voting, the chair of the meeting in addition to an original vote shall have a second or casting vote.

Termination of Membership

A membership in the Corporation is terminated when:

- the member organization is dissolved;
- member fails to maintain any qualifications for membership described in the section on membership conditions of these by-laws;
- the member resigns by delivering a written resignation to the chair of the board of the Corporation in which case such resignation shall be effective on the date specified in the resignation;
- the member is expelled in accordance with any discipline of members section or is otherwise terminated in accordance with the articles or by-laws;
- the member's term of membership expires; or
- the Corporation is liquidated or dissolved under the Act.

Effect of Termination of Membership Subject to the articles, upon any termination of membership, the rights of the member, including any rights in the property of the Corporation, automatically cease to exist.

Re-application

Any Member whose membership has expired or been cancelled may reapply for membership, provided that the Board may refuse to approve the application if the person's membership was cancelled pursuant to Section "Termination of Membership" of the membership policy.

Disputes

Disputes regarding membership are to be resolved by the Board.

Liability of Members

Members shall not, as such, be held answerable or responsible for any act, default, obligation or liability of the London Environmental Network or for any engagement, claim, payment, loss, injury, transaction, matter or thing relating to or connected with the London Environmental Network.