

Notice of Proposed Change to OSAC Constitution & Bylaws

In October 2013, the OSAC membership approved a number of changes to the OSAC Constitution & Bylaws regarding Membership categories and fees. As it has been over a decade since those changes, the OSAC Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, are proposing the following change in membership fees and categories to take effect in the 2025 /2026 Fiscal Year.

2.1 The OSAC Constitution and Bylaws states that membership fees will be set by the membership at a business meeting or an annual general meeting.

MOTION: That the OSAC Membership fees be adjusted as follows:

Proposed Membership Fees for 2025/2026

Full Membership (from \$200.00 + \$10.00 GST plus \$12.00 PST) to \$250.00 + \$12.50 GST plus \$15.00 PST = \$277.00 Annually

Associate (School) Membership (from \$30.00 + \$1.50 GST plus \$1.80 PST) to \$ 50.00 + \$2.50 GST plus \$3.00 PST = \$52.50 Annually

Rationale: As it has been a decade since the most recent increase and due to the additional costs, the OSAC office faces (communications, rent, etc.) a minimal increase is being proposed as a way to assist in offsetting these costs.

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Categories are defined under MEMBERSHIP as per Section 1 (1.1-1.4) of the OSAC Constitution and Bylaws.

MOTION: That the OSAC Constitution be amended to reflect the removal of gender specific language to gender neutral i.e. remove s/he from throughout the document and replace with a gender-neutral alternative.

Rationale: To bring the document into the language in use today.

Motion: That the OSAC Constitution be amended so that every Arts Council and Associate Member will have one (1) vote at the Annual General Meeting or other membership meetings.

Rationale: the 2 votes per Arts Councils and one for School Members are a left over from the amalgamation of the Junior Concerts Society with OSAC in the 1990's to ensure that the Arts Councils maintained control of the organization. In the decades since then, it has never been a concern and causes more confusion at the AGM that the issue it was meant to solve.