



PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

AGM RESOLUTION 03-20

A Resolution approving the rates of annual dues for Members and Supporting Members, and for Spousal/Partner and Memorial Members

WHEREAS, in accordance with By-law No.1, para 3.0 - 1., on the recommendation of the Board of Directors, by means of an Ordinary Resolution at an AGM, Members of the PPCLI Association are to establish the amount payable for annual dues for Members and Supporting Members, and also may waive payment of annual dues for members of both these classes of membership;

AND WHEREAS the current annual dues of \$25.00 for Members and Supporting Members and \$10.00 for Spousal/Partner Members are still considered to be appropriate;

AND WHEREAS, Members have previously approved that, on the retirement or release from the Canadian Armed Forces of any individual eligible to be a Member of the PPCLI Association, a retirement membership in the Association is to be offered without dues to be paid for a period of three years, the first year being the year of retirement;

AND WHEREAS the PPCLI Regiment Executive Committee and the Regimental Guard have raised the issue of gratis membership in the PPCLI Association for families of the Fallen;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with PPCLI Association By-law No.1, para 2.01 - 2.a.(1).(c)., voting membership is offered to "the spouse or partner of those eligible to be Members (living or deceased)" and in para 2.01 - 2.b.(1).(a). and (b)., supporting membership is offered to "direct descendants (18 years of age or older) of a Member or a person eligible to be a Member" as well as to "parents of a person qualified to be a Member", meaning that the immediate family members of any deceased person eligible for Association membership are already qualified for membership in the Association, but are expected to pay dues;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with PPCLI Association By-law No. 1, para 2.01 - 2.b.(1).(c), further defined in para 2.01 - 2.b.(2), the Board of Directors may at their discretion recommend for approval by Members at an AGM that supporting membership be offered to others, meaning that family members in addition to the immediate family of a deceased person may be offered supporting membership in the Association, but are also expected to pay dues;

AND WHEREAS after a wide-ranging and thorough discussion by the Board of Directors over several meetings, it was agreed that, subject to approval of Members at the AGM, normally two Memorial memberships in the Association should be offered not only to the immediate families of those officially recognized as the Fallen, but also to the immediate families of all those eligible to be Members of the Association, serving or retired, who have died from any cause, whether or not directly attributable to service in the CAF, without regard to the date of death, such membership to be without charge for a period of three years, the first year being the year of joining;

AND WHEREAS the Board further agreed that this Memorial membership is not to be considered a class of membership, but rather is the description of a benefit being offered to the immediate family of a deceased person who was eligible to be a member of the Association in order to encourage the family to continue their connection with the Regiment should they wish to do so;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors also agreed that the measures outlined in Attachment A to this Resolution be implemented in order to administer Memorial memberships;

AND WHEREAS at a videoconference meeting on 08 April 2020, the PPCLI Association Board of Directors approved Resolution 03-20, recommending approval of this Resolution by Members at the 2020 AGM.

Be it resolved that:

- “1. The annual dues payable for Members and Supporting Members of the PPCLI Association continue to be \$25.00, and for Spousal/Partner Members be \$10.00, until such time as Members at an AGM approve new rates;
2. Retirement memberships, allowing three years of Association membership without charge to retiring or released serving members, continue to be offered;
3. Gratis three-year Memorial memberships be introduced for normally two of the immediate family members of those entitled to be Members of the Association who die for any reason, without consideration of the date of death; and,
4. The administrative arrangements for the management of Memorial memberships included as Attachment A to this Resolution be adopted and implemented.

CERTIFICATION

At the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Members, which due to the COVID-19 travel and group meeting restrictions, was held by video conference in accordance with PPCLI Association By-law No. 1, para 4.09 – 1. to 3., AGM Resolution 03-20 was moved by Paul Hale, President of the PPCLI Association, and seconded by Dougal Salmon, Vice-President of the Association, and was approved by the majority of the Members, a quorum being signed into the virtual meeting.

May 2020

Paul Hale
President
PPCLI Association

Administration of Memorial Memberships

The guidelines below are part of AGM Resolution 03-20, and are to be implemented on approval of the Resolution by Members at the AGM:

- a. Memorial memberships will be coordinated by the Chair of the Membership Committee, but Branch Presidents will play an important role in their administration.
- b. On learning of the death of an individual eligible to be a Member of the Association, the closest geographic Branch President, or the President of the Association or the Chair of the Membership Committee will contact or arrange for the contact of one of the Immediate Next of Kin of a deceased eligible member, offering two Memorial memberships to the family, either voting membership (spouse or partner) or supporting membership (parents or direct descendants), as appropriate. In accordance with By-law No.1, para 2.01 – 1., the Branch President, or Chair of the Membership Committee or Association President may approve these memberships, which will be without charge for a period of three years. As all Association memberships expire annually on 31 Dec, the year of joining is considered to be the first year.
- c. This notification to the family may be coordinated with the Colonel of the Regiment, who normally writes to the family of all Patricia's who are killed or die.
- d. Eligible family members may initiate a request for Memorial membership(s) by contacting the nearest Branch President or the Chair of the Membership Committee. Current Association Members are encouraged to contact those who they know may be eligible for Memorial membership, and to urge them to make contact.
- e. Should the family request, consideration may be given to allowing a third Memorial membership or supporting membership in order to accommodate an additional eligible family member (i.e. to allow, for example, the widow to have a membership, and both parents to have supporting memberships). By-law No.1, para 2.01 – 1. also applies to these memberships and they may be approved by one of the Branch President, Chair of the Membership Committee or Association President.
- f. As well, in the absence of eligible family members wishing to become Memorial members or supporting members, a close family member not otherwise eligible, such as a brother or sister, may wish to become a Memorial supporting member. In this case, the provisions of By-law No.1, para 2.b.(2) will apply, and Branch Presidents or the Chair of the Membership Committee may make application to the Board of Directors for their recommendation, and approval of this supporting membership by Members at an AGM. The Board may approve an interim Memorial supporting membership pending approval of an Ordinary Resolution at the AGM.

- g. On the expiration of the Memorial membership at the end of the third year, these memberships or supporting membership may continue as approved, except that appropriate Association and Branch dues will be payable. In other words, it is only the Memorial part which expires, and not the Association membership or supporting membership.
- h. Applicants will be required to complete and submit an Association application form, in order that information required by the *NFP Act* be complete and the data base be up to date.
- i. Those accepting Memorial memberships are to be encouraged to join a geographic Branch, and those who do not wish to do so will be enrolled as e-Members.
- j. Branches are to be encouraged to waive any Branch dues for Memorial members.
- k. The Chair of the Membership Committee may account for Memorial memberships by means of a separate coding in the Association data base or may have Branches account for them in a manner similar to that used for retirement members. Similarly, they may be accounted for as e-Members should they not be members of a geographic Branch;
- l. Before the end of the third and last year of the gratis membership, the President of the Branch which the individual(s) may have joined, or the Chair of the Membership Committee or the Association President, will formally offer Memorial members the opportunity to become a dues-paying member or supporting member of the Association.
- m. As the Memorial membership program is retroactive (and indeed, even though unlikely, at its extreme may be open to a direct descendant of an Original WWI veteran), it will need the widest possible exposure, possibly by means of Facebook and other social media.
- n. Except for WWI vets, whose service information is readily available, confirmation of the detail in some applications may prove to be difficult. While it is the intent to approve only valid applications, it is appropriate to err on the side of believing the attestation of the applicant. However, it is also not unreasonable to require details of the service of the person on whom the application is based.