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Membership Policy

In accordance with the present constitution of the Council, Article IV entitled *Membership* states, **“Membership in the Council shall be composed of employees from state and federal natural resource agencies, including the State Department of Education and the state supported and other institutions of higher learning which are concerned with conservation education. Prospective members shall be nominated by a member of the Council. Election to membership shall be by majority vote of members present at a regular meeting.”**

Four memberships will be recognized and lists thereof maintained.
They are:

- **Regular** Representative of an agency or institution involved with conservation of Virginia’s resources. Active status with full voting privileges and attendance obligations.
- **Associate** Includes all past active or fully retired regular Council members. They have no voting privileges and no attendance obligations. Attend meetings when able. They are encouraged to take part in meetings and activities.
- **Honorary** Performance of outstanding merit to the Virginia Resource – Use Education Council. A former regular or associate member of the Council with a record of outstanding service to the conservation of Virginia’s resources. A non-council person of similar service and background can also be recognized. Past membership in Council is unnecessary. Nominated only by a majority vote of Council members at regularly scheduled meetings. Full voting privileges with no attendance obligations.
- **Prospective** Good candidates for possible membership. Council objective to distribute membership to maximum number of resource conservation agencies or institutions. Sponsor responsible for prospective member’s attendance.

Prospective member’s name shall be introduced to Council during a regular meeting prior to the prospect’s first attended meeting. With Council’s approval, the Membership Chairman shall send the prospect an official invitation through the sponsor. The sponsor is responsible to see that the prospect is properly introduced to Council and attends two Council business meetings within a two year period. This procedure will help ensure attendance by prospective members at planned meetings until a decision is made by Council as to membership status. The sponsor plays an important role in the future of the Council.

The Council will then vote on prospective members following their attendance to two Council meetings within the two year period. A majority vote on those Council members present will elect prospective members as stated in the Constitution. With knowledge by Membership Chairman to help coordinate agency representation, any Council member can nominate a prospective member, but attendance at two Council meetings is necessary before voting to full membership.

Members may be elected to honorary membership by majority vote of those members at a regularly scheduled Council business meeting.

Council members missing three consecutive business meetings will receive a letter asking if they wish to continue membership in the Council. A positive reply from the member will automatically reinstate him. Upon receipt of a negative or no reply, the member will be dropped from the Council roles. Reinstatement will follow when member attends two meetings within a two year period.

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Membership in the Council shall be composed of no more than two representatives of state and federal natural resource agencies, nonprofit natural resource organizations, the State Department of Education, and institutions of higher learning which are concerned with conservation education. Prospective member agencies and organizations shall be nominated by a member of the Council. Election to membership shall be by majority vote of members present at a regular meeting.

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They are:

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