

San Francisco Bay Area Tamil Manram

Bylaw Phase 1 - Approved Membership Amendments

Effective as of June 1, 2022

Article V – Membership

Section – 2

1. The Association shall have the following classes of membership: Annual, Lifetime Individual and Lifetime Family
2. Existing Lifetime members who paid \$200 or higher can add his/her spouse as a new member with no cost based on the bylaw amendment approval effective dated June 1, 2022. However newly added spouse membership will be effective from Nov 1st, 2022 onwards (after 2022 election)

Section – 3

The initial membership fees shall be as follows:

1. Annual \$40
2. Lifetime Individual \$100
3. Lifetime Family \$200
 - a. Youth in the family aged from 18 to 26 can be added to the Lifetime for a fee of \$50 each

Membership fees shall not be increased or decreased by more than ten per cent in any year without approval by the two thirds of the members of the Association through Constitutional Amendment.

Section – 5

Upgrading a membership is allowed by paying the membership fee difference between the Annual and Lifetime membership and the upgrade should happen before the current Annual membership expiration date.

Section – 6

Membership bestows following rights and privileges:

1. Eligibility to participate in all the Association activities for each individual covered by paying appropriate participation fees as required by the Executive Committee.
2. Voting rights
 - a. One vote is allowed per member

- b. Anybody who wants to exercise their vote must be a member of the Association at least 90 days prior to the date of the election and the membership must be active on the day of the election

Article VII – Election of the Executive Committee

Section – 1

Elections must be held between 3rd Saturday and 4th Sunday of October each year. In-Person or Online Election based on the Executive Committee decision

Article VII – Election of the Executive Committee

Section – 6

1. The candidate for each position must be a member of the Association in good standing at least 13 months prior to the date of the election and the membership must be active on the day of the election.
2. If no nomination is received for any position 21 days prior to the date of the election the position shall remain open.
3. For all positions except for the President, the outgoing officer of the Executive Committee shall continue until a replacement is appointed.
4. If no nomination is received for the post of President, the newly elected Administrative Vice President shall become the President.
5. The elected candidates must ensure that his/her membership remains paid in full during the term of their office.