

**THE DEPOT COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE
BOARD POLICY
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA**

1. Introduction

As a result of the growth of the Organization over the past 2 years and wanting to ensure that the Organization receives continuing support from, and can continue to effectively serve, its key stakeholders, in 2018, the Organization has made major amendments to its by-laws to clarify the rights and responsibilities of the board and the membership. As a result, Section 3.01 of the new by-laws require the board of directors to approve a policy that sets out the various categories of membership, the criteria for belonging to a category, and fees, if applicable.

2. Scope and General Principle

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Organization has a clear and transparent process for accepting and recognizing members, such that the membership of the Organization reflects the stakeholders it desires to serve. It is understood and accepted that, regardless of category of membership, each member will have all the rights of membership as set out in the by-laws and in this policy.

3. Administration

The board and the Executive Director will monitor the effectiveness of current efforts to bring in membership, and continue to find ways to improve membership.

The board shall review this policy at least annually to ensure the efficacy and relevance of the membership categories and criteria, and make changes as required.

4. Membership Categories and Criteria for Membership

The following are the membership categories and the criteria for becoming a member of each category:

Membership Category	criteria	'fee'
Organization donor	Makes donation of at least \$20 in the 365 days prior to March 31 of year of the current AGM and names a 'voting representative'; Agrees to be on membership list	\$20
Individual Donor	Makes a donation of \$20 in the 365 days prior to March 31 of year of the current AGM; Agrees to be on membership list; May become a member of the board	\$20
Volunteer	Works at least 5 hours in the 365 days prior to March 31 of year of the current AGM;	5 hours

	Agrees to be on membership list; May become member of Board	
Participants	Attend at least 2 garden or cooking classes or any other program or receives at least 2 food baskets in the 365 days prior to March 31 of year of the current AGM; Agrees to be on membership list; May become a member of Board	2 participations
Staff	Any temporary or permanent staff member any time having worked in the 365 days prior to March 31 of year of the current AGM; Agrees to be on membership list	-

5. Coming into Force

This policy was approved by the Board of Directors at a meeting on May 10th, 2018 to come into force immediately.