

## Member dues regulations - Updated June, 2018

Membership dues are prescribed in the RLOP Bylaws as:

### Contributing Members:

(a)(b) Yearly dues in the amount of \$20.00.

- (i) Dues are payable yearly and payable upon qualifying as a contributing member.
- (ii) If there are less than six (6) months remaining until the next AGM, yearly dues will be prorated to \$10.00

### Long term Associate Members:

(b)(a) Yearly membership dues in the amount of \$40.00

- (i) The term of associate membership shall run from the time of payment of dues to the next AGM. If there are less than six (6) months remaining until the next AGM, yearly dues will be prorated to \$20.00

### Short Term Associate Members:

(c)(b) Weekly membership dues in the amount of \$5.00

- (i) The term of associate membership shall run from the date of payment of dues to the following week (If dues are paid on a Thursday, members are in good standing until midnight the following Wednesday).

Long Term memberships include:

- Inclusion in electronic communication, which may include emails or acceptance into social media accounts that are exclusive to members.
- Discounts for entry into member night events
- Use of the RLOP hall as permitted by the RLOP board and the hall schedule
- Opportunities to improve skills and learn new techniques through guest speaker demos and workshops.
- Enjoy the company of other artists at our executive meetings.
- Coverage by RLOP insurance while using the hall as a member and while working on some RLOP performances / events.

The Regulations will be set and adjusted by the RLOP board from time to time and will be posted on the RLOP website when updated.

1. Until the next AGM is set, the date for the AGM will be presumed to be May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. (by default, dues are prorated on / after December 1<sup>st</sup>)
2. Membership dues are **non**-refundable
3. Membership renewals are payable at the conclusion of the AGM for the upcoming year (to be considered a member in good standing, dues must be paid)
4. New membership dues shall become payable upon application.
5. Only members that are in good standing may use the hall or participate in events / productions
6. Prospective Contributing and Long Term (LT) Associate members will be allowed to use the RLOP hall up to three (3) times before dues are required. (this allows for people to try out for plays or other productions or groups prior to deciding to commit)
7. At the discretion of the board, a prospective member may be exempted from paying dues. That member would be considered a Short Term Associate Member with their dues exempted on an ongoing basis, until the conclusion of the next AGM or a date prior to the AGM as set by the board.
8. The Executive Board may award a member dues scholarship or grant to any individual showing a financial need. Individuals may approach any Board Officer to apply for a member dues scholarship/grant, or be nominated by another Club member. These members would be considered Long term Contributing or LT Associate members, as the case may be.
9. Honorary / Lifetime memberships may be given out at the discretion of the board. The description of those memberships will be defined on an individual basis.
10. Any form of membership may be suspended for a period of up to one week by any member of the board for:
  - a. violating any provision of the by-laws, or written policies of the RLOP;
  - b. carrying out any conduct which may be detrimental to the RLOP;

The suspended member, upon request of that member, shall have their case reviewed by the executive as soon as possible. Termination of Membership is addressed in the RLOP Bylaws.

11. No member may act as a representative of the RLOP without explicit approval of the Board.
12. New memberships must be purchased no less than 14 days prior to an Annual General Meeting. Renewals may be acquired at the Annual General Meeting.
13. Members wishing to store equipment or rent storage space, must make their requests in writing or in person to the board. The club assumes no responsibility for damage or loss, as provided for in the rental agreement that must be signed by a board member and the group or member wishing to rent space.
14. No solicitation will be permitted by members or groups, unless authorized by the board.
15. Membership forms are available online