

## Preamble

Spiritualism New Zealand is a membership organisation created to form a community of likeminded people, giving them the opportunity to share knowledge and understanding in a supportive manner. It brings together all spiritualists irrespective of any other religious beliefs that they may have. It is a flexible yet supportive organisation promoting unity throughout New Zealand.

For the purposes of this policy the term 'member' means each Individual Member and Organisation as defined in the Constitution unless otherwise specified in a particular clause of this policy.

## Policy

### 1. Conditions of membership

1.1. All members must agree to:

- a. uphold the [Seven Principles](#) of Spiritualism in its various forms
- b. uphold the [purposes](#) of Spiritualism New Zealand as set out in the Constitution
- c. do nothing to bring Spiritualism New Zealand into disrepute.

1.2. All members must agree to abide by Spiritualism New Zealand's Code of Ethics.

1.3. Organisation Members must accept that Spiritualism New Zealand has no financial or administrative responsibility for their organisation.

### 2. Categories of membership

2.1 There are three categories of membership:

- a. Individuals. This category applies to any person 18 years or over, regardless of whether they also belong to an Organisation Member of Spiritualism New Zealand.
- b. Groups and Organisations without a paid membership base.
- c. Organisations. This category applies to a church, centre or group with two or more financial members.

### 3. Management of membership

- 3.1 The role of the Registrar of Spiritualism New Zealand is outlined in [section 13](#) of the Constitution. In addition to maintaining membership records, the Registrar is responsible for:
- a. managing all aspects of membership applications, and
  - b. ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Privacy Act 1993, particularly in relation to the collection, storage and use of personal information (refer [Privacy Policy](#)).
- 3.2 Details and enquiries relating to membership issues can be directed to the Registrar at [registrar@spiritualism.org.nz](mailto:registrar@spiritualism.org.nz).
- 3.3 To change membership details, members may go online and log into their [Member Profile](#) or forward changes to the Registrar.

### 4. Annual subscription and voting rights

- 4.1 The annual membership subscription for Organisation Members (clause 2, categories b and c) is based on their size as follows and will be set by the Board from time to time. The size of the organisation will also set their entitlement for the number of votes at National Council (AGM) or on other occasions requiring a vote.

Organisation size	Financial members	Annual subscription	Votes
Very Small	2 - 9	\$50	1
Small	10-39	\$70	2
Medium	40-79	\$100	3
Large	80+	\$150	4
No formal membership	-	\$80	2

- 4.2 The annual membership subscription for Individual Members (clause 2, category a) is \$50 which entitles them to one (1) vote at National Council (AGM) or on other occasions requiring a vote.
- 4.3 Organisation and Individual Members need to belong to Spiritualism New Zealand for three months before they are eligible to vote on any matters.

### **5. Website directory listings**

- 5.1 Organisation and Individual Members are entitled to a free Directory listing on the Spiritualism New Zealand website.
- 5.2 Directory listings can contain a photo, contact information and information on services or products provided.
- 5.3 Directory listings will be accessible to the public. Searches can be by the type of service provided or by geographic location.
- 5.4 Spiritualism New Zealand does not endorse or recommend any services or products advertised on the website or listed in the Directory.

### **6. Application for membership**

- 6.1 Application for membership can be made by completing the [membership application form](#) on-line.
- 6.2 All applications will be confirmed by the Board and may be declined without any explanation given.
- 6.3 The membership year runs from the anniversary date of the payment of the first year's subscription.

### **7. Termination of membership**

- 7.1 A member shall cease to be a member of Spiritualism New Zealand if they:
  - a. give written notice to the Board of their intended resignation
  - b. fail to pay the annual subscription within 30 days of its due date
  - c. are convicted of a criminal offence which is punishable by imprisonment, or which in the Board's opinion is sufficiently serious to warrant expulsion
  - d. are found by the Board to be acting inappropriately according to Spiritualism New Zealand's Beliefs and Principles.
- 7.2 If a membership is to be terminated, the Board will give the member at least two weeks' notice of the meeting at which the member's expulsion is to be considered.
  - a. The member may make a submission to the meeting in person or in writing.

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- b. If the member wishes to attend in person, the member must advise the President of this, seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
- c. If the member does not advise the President, or does advise the President, or fails to attend, the Board will make its decision and advise the member accordingly.

### **8. Lapsed membership**

- 8.1 If a membership has lapsed within twelve months, it may be reinstated by the Organisation or Individual Member contacting the Registrar and paying any overdue subscriptions.
- 8.2 If a membership has lapsed for longer than twelve months, the Organisation or Individual Member must reapply for membership.