

## **VOTING MEMBERS**

### **Individual**

Eligibility: Any person who (a) is professionally engaged in translating, interpreting, or closely related work and (b) is a resident or works in Washington State.

Rights and Privileges: Individual members have the right to attend any of the Society's meetings, to be listed in the online directory and receive free newsletters and discounts for WITS' continuing education workshops. They also have the right to vote, to hold Society office and to serve on the Board of Directors and all committees of the Society.

Dues: Full

### **Student**

Eligibility: Any person who is a full-time student, or any person enrolled part-time in translation or interpreting, or related course of study, at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Rights and Privileges: Student members have the right to attend any of the Society's meetings, to be listed in the online directory with the word "student" under the member's name and receive free newsletters and discounts for WITS' continuing education workshops. They also have the right to vote, to hold Society office and to serve on the Board of Directors and all committees of the Society.

Dues: 1/3 individual dues

### **Honorary**

Eligibility: Honorary membership may be conferred upon members who have distinguished themselves in the translation or interpreting professions in the State of Washington by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

Rights and Privileges: Honorary members have the right to attend any of the Society's meetings, to be listed in the online directory, receive free newsletters and discounts for WITS' continuing education workshops. They also have the right to vote, to hold Society office and to serve on the Board of Directors and all committees of the Society.

Dues: waived *ad vitam*

## **NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

### **Corporate**

Eligibility: Corporate membership is open to any business firm with an interest in the translation or interpreting professions. Membership shall be in the name of the firm, not in the name of an

individual. Individuals associated with a Corporate member may qualify as members in other classes in their own right. Each Corporate member shall designate in writing delivered to the Society a person who shall act as its representative for all purposes of Society membership. The Corporate member may change such written designation at any time. Acts by such designated representative performed in the name of the Corporate member shall be deemed, for purposes of Society membership, to be acts of the Corporate member in accordance with applicable law.

**Rights and Privileges:** Corporate members have the right to attend any of the Society's meetings, to serve on standing committees, to be listed in WITS' website as entities where they may advertise themselves and provide a URL to their own webpage and receive free newsletters. The rights shall be exercised through a person appointed by the firm holding the membership. This appointment does not confer individual membership on the designated person. Corporate members do not have the right to vote, to hold Society office or to serve on the Board of Directors.

Dues: 2x times individual dues

### **Institutional**

**Eligibility:** Institutional membership is open to any educational or non-profit institution with an interest in the translation or interpreting professions. Membership shall be in the name of the institution, not in the name of an individual. Individuals associated with an Institutional member may qualify as members in other classes in their own right. Each Institutional member shall designate in writing delivered to the Society a person who shall act as its representative for all purposes of Society membership. The Institutional member may change such written designation at any time. Acts by such designated representative performed in the name of the Institutional member shall be deemed, for purposes of Society membership, to be acts of the Institutional member.

**Rights and Privileges:** Institutional members have the right to attend any of the Society's meetings, to serve on standing committees, to be listed in WITS' website as entities where they may advertise themselves and provide a URL to their own webpage and receive free newsletters. The rights shall be exercised through a person appointed by the organization holding the membership. This appointment does not confer individual membership on the designated person. Institutional members do not have the right to vote, to hold Society office or to serve on the Board of Directors.

Dues: 1x time individual dues

### **Supporting**

**Eligibility:** Any person who does not meet the requirements for Individual, Student or Honorary membership but who desires to further the objectives of the Society such as:

- To advocate and promote the recognition of interpreting and translating as a profession

- To promote and safeguard the rights and interests of the professional interpreter and translator
- To promote standards of professional ethics, practices, and competence, particularly as set forth in the Code of Conduct enacted by the Washington State Legislature
- To sponsor, promote and provide ongoing educational opportunities and training for interpreters and translators
- To provide information to the public regarding interpreting and translating

Rights and Privileges: Supporting members have the right to attend any of the Society's meetings, serve in standing committees and receive free newsletters. Supporting members do not have the right to vote, to hold Society office or to serve on the Board of Directors.

Dues: none

### **Application for Membership**

To apply for membership, an application for membership, accompanied by the current year's annual dues, shall be submitted in due form to the Society's Office Manager. Upon determination by the Society's Office Manager as to the class of membership for which the applicant is eligible the Office Manager shall notify all applicants in writing with respect to membership application determinations in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors.

An applicant who believes that membership in the class for which application was made was unjustly denied may appeal in writing to the Board of Directors in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board. The decision of the Board shall be final.

Approved by the Board of Directors 6/3/11