



THEATER MEMBERSHIP POLICIES, DEFINITIONS, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Bylaws of The Marco Players stipulate that membership in the organization is open to any individual willing to meet the requirements of membership. Any individual who wishes to volunteer at The Marco Players without becoming a member is also welcome, but must sign a liability waiver before performing any assignments. The categories of membership are Member, Working Member and Life Member.

DEFINITIONS

MEMBER: A Member is any individual who pays membership dues at any time during the current fiscal year starting September 1 ending August 31. A Member is a non-voting member who can upgrade to a Working Member with additional hours.

WORKING MEMBER: A working Member is any individual who pays the current fiscal year's membership dues starting September 1 ending August 31, and volunteers 50 hours of service to The Marco Players in the current fiscal year or within the previous fiscal year.

LIFE MEMBER: A Life Member is any individual who, having made a distinguished contribution of time and /or financial support to The Marco Players, is recommended by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

MEMBERS shall have the following nontransferable rights and responsibilities:

1. To complete a membership application, sign liability waiver, and update any contact information with changes.
2. To attend the general membership meeting in November.
3. To pay the yearly dues of \$20.
4. To report volunteer hours worked.
5. To receive copies of the newsletter, *The Spotlight*, audition notices and any invitations to events.
6. To participate in special play readings and theatrical events.
7. To become a Working Member at any time the 50 volunteer hours are accrued during the fiscal year.

WORKING MEMBERS shall have the same above listed nontransferable rights and responsibilities, and:

8. To receive a Marco Players Working Member Card
9. To attend, free of charge, (one comp ticket) the Preview Performance of all Marco Players productions whether having worked on the show or not. Seating availability and complimentary ticket limits apply.
10. To attend all General Meetings (November) and the Annual Meeting (January) where Working Members vote to elect the Board Members.
11. To maintain Working Member status you must accrue 50 volunteer hours during each successive year and pay annual dues. To vote, hours must have accrued 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.
12. To be eligible to be selected as a member of the Nominating Committee, this presents to the membership, the slate of nominees to be elected to the Board for the following year. The Nominating Committee to be comprised of 5 Working Members and one Board Member.
13. To receive Audition notices one week prior to the public.



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LIFE MEMBERS shall have all of the above listed nontransferable rights and responsibilities, and:

14. To receive an engraved Marco Players Life Member Card.
15. To waive future volunteer requirements, but continue reporting hours volunteered.
16. To waive future dues requirements.

DUES: The Membership Committee may waive the dues requirement in special cases where such waiver is deemed appropriate. There are no dates when dues become prorated during the fiscal year.

VOTING: Members, joining in the 45 day period, prior to the Annual Meeting will not be allowed to vote until the following Annual Meeting as their dues have been applied for the next year.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: The requirement of 50 volunteer hours may be fulfilled through volunteering in a variety of tasks such as: serving on a committee, attending classes (future) offered by the theater, or taking any of the volunteer positions described in the Volunteer Handbook. Assignments will be made by someone in a Marco Players supervisory position, primarily by the Director of Volunteer Services, a producer, director, committee chair, or board member.

A member may ask that the working membership requirement of 50 volunteer hours be waived in cases where an extraordinary effort has been made. The membership committee will decide these cases.

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS: Actors and Production volunteers (and Life Members), regardless of their membership status, who are volunteering with the current production are eligible for only two complimentary tickets to preview night. These are not in addition to the single complimentary ticket available due to their Working or Life membership status.