

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP
(Excerpt from Hui O' Wahine Constitution)

Section A: Membership in the Hui O'Wahine shall be in accordance with the eligibility criteria outlined below. Membership is regardless of race, color, sex, creed, national origin or disability. Membership will consist of ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE AND HONORARY Members.

*Section B: **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP*** - Active membership will be open to all members of the Armed Forces (Officer and Enlisted) on Active Duty stationed on the island of Oahu and their spouses. The following shall be eligible for Active membership and will become members upon payment of dues as provided in the By-laws of this organization. Active members shall have the right to vote upon all matters in which the membership has an interest unless otherwise limited by the Constitution and By-Laws, hold office, receive appointments to chair a committee, participate in all Hui O'Wahine sponsored activities and be eligible for employment at the Ft. Shafter Thrift Shop.

*Section C: **Associate Membership*** – The following shall be eligible for ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP, and upon payment of dues they will have the same rights and privileges as an Active member with one exception that they are unable to hold an elected board position:

- 1) Spouses of retired Armed forces personnel (Officer and Enlisted).
- 2) Unmarried widows/widowers of deceased armed Forces personnel of the United States residing on the island of Oahu.
- 3) Active Members Dependents (over 16 years) with a valid military I.D, residing with an Active Duty Personnel Stationed on the Island of Oahu.
- 4) Dependents (over 18 years) with a valid military I.D, of retired or deceased personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States residing on the island of Oahu.
- 5) Spouses of Department of Defense to include Red Cross Officials assigned to the island of Oahu.
- 6) Spouses of foreign Military personnel (officers and Enlisted) on active duty and stationed on the island of Oahu.
- 7) Officers of National Guard and Reserves not on active duty status.
- 8) Spouses of National Guard and Reserves not on active duty status.
- 9) Resident Spouses in Hawaii, of an Armed Forces member on Active Duty Stationed outside of Hawaii.

*Section D: **Honorary Members*** of the Hui O'Wahine are not required to pay dues unless they wish to have a vote at General Membership functions. They do not vote at Executive or Monthly Board meeting and do not hold elected office. They may serve on committees and participate in all Hui O'Wahine sponsored activities. The following defines those eligible for HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- 1) The spouse of the USARPAC Commanding General shall be invited to be the Honorary Executive Wahine.
- 2) The spouse of the USARPAC Command Sergeant Major shall be invited to be the Honorary Wahine.

- 3) The spouse of the 8th TSC Commanding General shall be invited to serve as the Honorary President.
- 4) The spouse of the 8th TSC Command Sergeant Major shall be invited to serve as the Honorary Advisor.

Section E: A member of the Hui O'Wahine Executive Board whose status changes during the year to associate membership eligibility may remain an Active member to complete their term of office.

Section F: How to become a Member:

- 1) Eligible individuals interested in membership must obtain a membership Application from the Hui O'Wahine membership chairperson or from the Hui O'Wahine Spirit website.
- 2) Completed Applications for membership can be given to the Membership chairperson, Hui O'Wahine Board members or given to a staff member of the Ft. Shafter Thrift Shop along with dues.
- 3) Membership year is from 1 August - 31 July
- 4) Membership Dues:
 - (a) Membership dues will be determined by the Hui O'Wahine Governing board for all eligible members.
 - (b) Membership dues will be full rate from August thru January 31st.
Membership dues will be reduced by half for any new eligible member joining after January 31st.
 - (c) No member shall be entitled to a refund of dues upon severing connection with the Hui O'Wahine.

Section G: Participation. Membership is necessary for participation in all activities to include the Ft. Shafter Thrift Shop and on committees and clubs sponsored by the Hui O'Wahine. Exception: Dependant children of Hui O'Wahine members who wish to volunteer in the Ft. Shafter Thrift Shop may do so as long as they are supervised by a parent/Guardian who is a Hui O'Wahine member and abide by the Hui constitution, bylaws, Sop and Ft. Shafter charter. A member in good standing is one whose dues are paid in full and who actively participates in membership functions.

Attendance:

- 1) Hui O'Wahine Governing Board members are expected to attend all required Board meetings and monthly luncheons. Governing board members should notify the president of absences in advance whenever possible.
- 2) Each Hui O'Wahine member is strongly encouraged to participate in all activities sponsored by the Hui O'Wahine.
- 3) Upon commitment to attend monthly luncheons through RSVP or attend any Hui O'Wahine sponsored trip, each member and their guest must pay for the event unless she/he cancels 48hours prior to the event, unless event requires and publishes a different cancellation policy or member finds an eligible replacement and notifies the Reservation chair.

Section H: Guests: Guests of members are welcome. Persons eligible for membership in the Hui O'Wahine may attend the Annual Membership Drive and one (1) Hui O'Wahine function annually as a non-member. This excludes "member only" functions, at the discretion of the Hui

O'Wahine Governing Board.

- 1) Exceptions: Bona fide houseguests may attend functions as guests of their hosts/hostess, provided the latter is a member of the Hui O'Wahine.

Section I: Prospective members are encouraged to read the Hui O'Wahine Constitution and By-Laws prior to accepting membership to the Hui O'Wahine.

Section J: Termination of Membership: Hui O'Wahine membership will be terminated under the following circumstances:

- 1) Non- payment of dues or outstanding RSVP debt greater than 60 days.
- 2) Written resignation to the Hui O'Wahine
- 3) Change of status affecting eligibility for membership; see ARTICLE III of this Constitution.
- 4) Membership may be withdrawn or denied any person as prescribed by the Executive Board consistent with the provisions of Article IV, Section 2 of the Hui O'Wahine Bylaws.

Section K: Membership Responsibility – As a condition of membership, members understand it is their responsibility to read this constitution and bylaws. Member's signature on the membership application constitutes agreement and understanding of this responsibility.

Section L: Members' liability – members will understand fully that they are personally liable for all debts of the organization in the event of bankruptcy, insolvency, and dissolution; signature on the membership application indicates understanding of this liability.