

Membership Levels, Benefits, Rules, Guidelines, and Policy V2.0

Section 1. Membership Levels

There are three membership levels available:

1. Volunteer Membership – A Volunteer Member is defined as a non-business individual who wishes to be a voting member of the Chamber and an active volunteer donating at least 10 hours of time each year to assist the Chamber in Chamber operations, promotions, events, etc. The Board will appoint a Volunteer Coordinator to assist in the work assignments for Volunteer Members and to monitor the overall hours contributed. If it is determined that a Volunteer Member did not meet their commitment for the year their Volunteer Membership may be suspended by decision of the Board for the following year.
2. Standard Membership – The Standard Membership is open to a non-business individual or a business. The Standard Member receives all the benefits of the Volunteer Member and - additional benefits aimed at promoting their business or their cause.
3. Premium Membership – The Premium Member is open to a non-business individual or a business. The Premium Member receives all the benefits of the Standard Member and - additional benefits aimed at promoting their business or their cause. The Premium Member receives greater promotion and advertising exposure on the Chamber Website. This membership is designed for those businesses that benefit most from website promotion.

Section 2. Powers of the Members

Section 2.0 Membership Pricing & Benefits

Level	Price	Voting Rights	Ad Panel Displayed On Home Page	Link to Business URL	Included on Business Directory ****	Annual Recognition in Saguache Crescent	Chamber Member Decal	10% Discount on Chamber Products	Invitation to Networking Socials	Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting
Volunteer Member	10 Hours Annual Service	X				X	X	X	X	
Standard Member	\$25/year	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Premium Member	\$50/year	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**** All businesses owned by member automatically listed on Business Directory****

Section 2.1 Elaboration of the Ad Panel Membership Benefit

Recognizing that a member, as defined in the Chamber By-Laws is a “business owner or business community supporter”; and recognizing that one member may have more than one business, any member in good standing may purchase an additional ad panel for their second or third business for an additional \$25 per Standard panel or \$50 per Premium panel.

Section 2.2 Elaboration on the Voting Rights Benefit – One Member/One Vote

The Saguache Chamber of Commerce honors a “one member...one vote” voting model. A member is a person representing themselves, their business or businesses, or as a designated voting representative of a business or organization. Where a voting representative is appointed, the business or the organization is recognized as the “Member”. See ARTICLE VIII SECTION 2. Powers of the Members, in the Saguache Chamber of Commerce By-Laws for additional clarifications.

Section 3. Rules & Guidelines Concerning Payment of Dues

Membership in the Saguache Chamber of Commerce is on an annual basis from January 1st through December 31st each year. As such all memberships expire on December 31st. Membership dues for Standard and Premium Members are due on January 1st each year. Volunteer Members are asked to renew their commitment each year via a membership pledge form.

Section 3.1 Suspension of Benefits Due to Non-Payment of Dues by Past Members

If the dues are not received by April 1st - the delinquent member’s link from their ad panel on the Chamber website to their own business website will be removed. If not a current member by the end of April - the ad panel will be removed and all associated businesses on the Business Directory will be removed.

Section 3.2 Application/Timing of Benefits for New Members and Sponsors

3.2a Anyone paying dues AFTER the Fall Festival will have membership through the end of the year following. They will be added to the website as soon as possible.

3.2b All Sponsors will appear on the Chamber Sponsors Banner that will be displayed at the Saguache Abstract Office.

This banner will be created prior to the Arts Walk & Hollyhock Festival and prior to the Fall Festival & Quilt Show. An additional banner will be created at year end. The year end banner will remain on display until the first annual event.

Section 4. Special Membership Policy

There may be times when interested parties, who are currently non-members, will want to negotiate a membership arrangement that differs from the current membership model. Or there may be times when the Chamber Board wants to negotiate a different arrangement with a non-member party that the Board feels is in the best interest of the Board. Examples of these sorts of arrangements might be:

1. Honorary (such as Young Entrepreneurs)
2. Gifted or Pro Bono Memberships
3. Membership’s In-Trade
4. Reciprocal Memberships
5. Membership Exchange Agreements
6. Etc.

Any membership arrangement other than the current membership model approved by the Board and contained in the most current version of this written document, will require that the requesting party (be it a Board member, Chamber member, or third party) provide a written request to the Chamber Board for review. It will be entirely up to a majority of the Board to determine if a request is considered and if a request is approved. Any approved Special Membership must have a written explanation of the benefits and term of the agreement. Some or none of the current benefits afforded to members in the current accepted membership model may or may not apply.

Section 5. Adoption

These Membership Levels, Benefits, Rules, Guidelines, and Policy are adopted by a majority of Board of Directors and Officers of the Saguache Chamber of Commerce on the date cited below.

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