

# ACT Bylaws – Membership section - amended October 2024

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP

1. **Membership:** Membership shall be open to anyone subscribing to the purposes of The Astronomy Club of Tulsa. No person shall be denied membership based on their race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, or religious preference.
2. **Membership types shall consist of:** Regular, Senior, Student, Additional Family, and Honorary.
  - A. **Regular** membership: Members of the club shall have the rights and benefits described in Section 3 of this Article.
  - B. **Senior** membership: Senior memberships shall be available at a discounted rate to persons 65 years of age or older. A senior member has all the rights of a Regular member.
  - C. **Student** membership: Student memberships shall be available at a reduced rate to any student actively enrolled in elementary through high school, college, or trade school. A student member has all the rights of a Regular member, but should be aware of Paragraph 3.E in this Article.
  - D. **Additional Family Member** - An additional person in a member's immediate family living in the same household may join at a reduced rate set by the board.
  - E. **Honorary** memberships: The Board shall have the right to establish other types of Honorary Memberships to recognize outstanding service or contributions to the club or the astronomy community. The length and extent of membership privileges granted to the honorary member shall be defined by the Board at the time the Honorary Membership is conveyed.
3. **Membership Rights and Benefits.**
  - A. Members shall be able to vote on all matters presented to the general club membership. Membership dues must be current at the time their vote is cast.
  - B. Members are entitled to use of the club's facilities at regularly scheduled club events.
  - C. Members 18 years of age or older who have been actively involved in the club at least one year shall be eligible to become a candidate for an Officer or Board position.

- D. Subject to board approval and upon completing training on use and maintenance of the club's observatory facilities, a member 18 years of age or older who has been active in the club a minimum of one year may be eligible to use of the facilities at times other than regularly scheduled club events. Members requesting to use the facilities on other than scheduled events are encouraged to volunteer to help at the club's guest or public events.
  - E. Members under the age of 16 should be accompanied by a club member or family member of legal adult age when attending club events.
  - F. **Term of Membership:** Members may join at any time of the year by filling out the membership request. The request can be made online through the website or mailing a form to the club treasurer. A person may also join in person at a scheduled club event. Payment of the membership dues should be made at the time of the membership request. Payment can be made online, by mail or in person. Memberships are to be paid to the club treasurer or other officer in charge of keeping the membership records. Membership will run for one (1) year from the date on which the dues are paid to the last day of that same month in the following calendar year.
4. **Membership Dues:** The amount of annual dues for each membership type shall be proposed by the board of directors and approved at the Annual Business meeting.
- A. **Renewal of Membership:** Membership renewals are to be paid to the club treasurer or other officer in charge of keeping the membership records by the end of the calendar month on which the membership expires. It is the member's responsibility to keep their membership current.
  - B. **Delinquent Dues:** Dues not paid within thirty (30) days following the renewal month shall be deemed to be delinquent. The club treasurer or other officer in charge of keeping the membership records will place delinquent members on an expired membership list. Delinquent members may be deleted from membership records after sixty (60) days.
  - C. **Expired Memberships:** Persons with expired memberships shall relinquish all club rights and privileges after delinquent for sixty (60) days and must return any and all club property, including keys to any club property, to a board member. Members who have been dropped from the rolls, who wish to be reinstated, shall be allowed to do so, provided that their dues are submitted to the club treasurer or other officer in charge of keeping the membership records.