Membership Classification - Generally. All new members shall belong to the National Society and at least one Chapter, except that the Chapter membership requirement may be waived by the National Executive Board if the applicant resides in an area where there is no Chapter established. New members in the National Society shall be classified as either - Full Members, Associate Members or Auxiliary Members. All new members shall satisfy at least one Membership Category and shall enter the National Society as Associate Members or Auxiliary Members until such time as they may qualify and be approved by the Chapter and/or National Executive Boards as a Full Member. Advancement from Associate Member to Full Member classification shall be at the discretion of the Chapter Executive Board or at the discretion of the National Executive Board if no Chapter affiliation exists, subject to the qualifications, requirements and provisions set forth herein.

<u>Membership Classification - Full Member</u>. Upon completion of their one (1) year probationary period, each Associate Member may become eligible for advancement to Full Member classification upon meeting the specified requirements for Full Members.

- A. Requirements for Advancement to Full Member. To advance to Full Member classification, an Associate Member must (i) complete the one (1) year probationary period in good standing, (ii) satisfy at least one Membership Category for a period of at least (5) years, and (iii) be approved for advancement to Full Member classification by his/her Chapter Executive Board (or by the National Executive Board if no Chapter affiliation exists).
- B. <u>Full Member Rights and Privileges</u>. Full Members shall have all rights and privileges of membership in the National Society, including the right to vote and hold office, and shall receive a Certificate of Membership, as designated by the National Society.
- C. <u>Full Member Agreements</u>. Full Members agree as follows: (i) to abide by and adhere to the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society and any State Chapter(s) to which they belong, (ii) not to release, in any form, to anyone not a Member of the National Society, any information as may be delivered to the Full Member including, but not limited to, membership lists, newsletter information, information pertaining to training meetings, business meetings, and seminars.