

## **DW Regular Members Rights and Responsibilities**

Regular members are those who are stakeholders—individuals or groups—who have an active involvement and commitment in DW.

### **Rights:**

1. propose items for inclusion in the AGM agenda
2. vote at the AGM
3. review strategic plans and make recommendations to the Board
4. consider such other business as may come before the AGM
5. participate in working committees or similar bodies involved in policy development within DW

### **Responsibilities:**

1. participate in the AGM and other general meetings
2. pay annual membership dues
3. act responsibly in representing DW in public and in dealing with the media, he/she shall not commit any act prejudicial to the good name of DW
4. hold in confidence all knowledge and information concerning DW not already considered within the public domain, which he/she may acquire by virtue of his/her membership.
5. a member cannot sign contracts, funding agreements and other legal documentation for and involving commitments by DW unless given written authority to do so by the Board of Directors.

### **Conditions of membership for regular members:**

1. Members may resign by submitting a written resignation to the Board of Directors.
2. Membership shall pay annual membership dues as fixed by the Board of Directors; membership shall be automatically cancelled if dues are not paid by 31 March of each year.
3. A member may be required to resign by a vote of two-thirds of the members at an AGM.

## **DW Associates Rights and Responsibilities**

Associates are professionals who by virtue of their expertise we feel can strengthen DW, broaden its links, or contribute to its development.

### **Rights:**

1. can present themselves as associates of DW for purposes such as obtaining funds and implementing projects as authorised by DW but cannot enter into agreements on behalf of DW unless designated in writing by a DW director
2. can draw on DW=s collective reputation, experience, professional contacts, publicity network, and information resources
3. get preferential consideration in being involved in appropriate DW projects
4. upon invitation, participate in DW forums and meetings

### **Responsibilities:**

1. contribute to the ongoing development of DW
2. pay annual membership dues
3. work with an Executive Director of DW or his/her designated representative to fundraise, plan and implement projects
4. any programs and projects that have been obtained through the position of being a DW associate shall be executed under a DW contract
5. act responsibly in representing DW in public and in dealing with the media, he/she shall not commit any act prejudicial to the good name of DW
6. hold in confidence all knowledge and information concerning DW not already considered within the public domain, which he/she may acquire by virtue of his/her membership.

### **Conditions of membership for associates:**

1. Members may resign by submitting a written resignation to the Board of Directors
2. Membership shall pay annual membership dues as fixed by the Board of Directors; membership shall be automatically cancelled if dues are not paid by 31 March of each year.
3. Membership shall be reviewed each year at the AGM to determine if their participation continues to support the mandate of DW.

## **Role of the DW Board of Directors**

The Board serves as the formal, policy-and direction-setting body formed to meet the needs, goals and objectives of DW.

### **Specific functions of the Board include:**

1. Set broad strategic directions and policies taking into account input from the programming units of the network.
2. Approve strategic plan for DW network.
3. Approve the budget for the DW Canada office.
4. Review performance against broad objectives.
5. Mandate the Executive directors to implement work programmes.

### **Composition of the Board:**

The Board passed an amendment to the existing by-law provision on the Board of Directors. It also passed a resolution providing for some guidelines for the composition of the Board. The characteristics of the DW France Board (once it completes the registration process) will be similar but with European content.