

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

Section 1 - Eligibility

- a. Full members must hold: (1) a graduate degree with major emphasis in speech-language pathology, audiology, or speech and hearing science; or (2) a graduate degree and present evidence of active research, interest, and performance in the field of human communication (LC 14-2000). Members must agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA).
- b. Associate members must: (1) hold a Bachelor's degree with major emphasis in speech-language pathology, audiology, or speech and hearing science; and (2) have not attained full member status.
- c. Student members must: (1) be enrolled in a degree program with major emphasis in speech-language pathology, audiology, or speech and hearing science at the graduate or undergraduate level.
- d. Life members must: (1) have attained the age of sixty (60), (2) have held membership in NSLHA for the ten consecutive years immediately prior to attaining age sixty, and (3) have completed the membership renewal form annually.
- e. Nonresident members shall be defined as: (1) a full or associate member who moves from the State of Nebraska; and (2) remains in good standing as defined in Article III, Section 3. Upon resuming Nebraska residency, membership status shall be adjusted in accordance with Section 1a, 1b or 1c above.
- f. Affiliate members shall be defined as any individual: (1) not eligible for membership status under categories a-e; (2) who wishes to support actions of NSLHA; and (3) who is a member in good standing, as defined in Article III, Section 3.
- g. Inactive members shall be defined as individuals who are not currently practicing in the field and who have been a member in good standing for at least five consecutive years prior to their inactive status. Inactive status is limited to a total of five years.

Section 2 - Membership Privileges

Members in good standing shall be defined as those individuals meeting the eligibility criteria defined in Article III, Section 1, and whose dues are currently paid in full.

- a. Members in good standing shall have the privilege of attending and participating in all meetings of the Association.
- b. Members in good standing shall receive all publications authorized and issued by the Association.
- c. Members in good standing may serve on committees.
- d. Voting membership privileges of NSLHA are given to those who: (1) hold a graduate degree with major emphasis in speech-language pathology, audiology, or speech and hearing science; or (2) a graduate degree and present evidence of active research interest, and performance in the field of human communication; or (3) have been long standing members of NSLHA (Life or Full).
- e. Life members in good standing shall be exempt from dues.

Section 3 - Resolution of Conflicts Concerning Membership Eligibility

Resolution of conflicts of membership shall be based upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 - Suspension of Membership

- a. Any member who violates the By-Laws or the ASHA Code of Ethics may be suspended by three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors. Any person under consideration for suspension shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board of Directors. Suspended individuals may be reinstated after one year upon three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors.
- b. Any member whose dues remain unpaid ninety days after the first day of the first month of the new fiscal year shall be automatically dropped from the membership rolls of the Association. Reinstatement of said individual shall be dependent upon his or her completion of the membership application and payment of dues in accordance with Article IX, Section 4.