**Approved by GA held on Sun, Dec 30th, 2018**

Agenda:

1. General Membership:

**Existing policy:  Yearly membership fees $51 (renewal fee $50).**

**Proposed policy: Onetime fee $100.**

Justification: This will encourage even visitors to pay $100 if they can become general member with renewal required. We will not have to keep tracking the yearly subscription. Also, people seem reluctant to pay every year if there is no any yearly event exists that requires renewal.

2. Patron and Trustees:

**Existing policy: Patron and Trustees are included within special members.**

**Proposed policy: Remove Patron and Trustees from Membership category and keep them separate as their name suggest. This means, we will have like this: Patron, Trustees, Special Members (Life, Founding, Benefactor Member). It's all about the alignment of the involvement level.**

Justification: This is just the realignment of the wording – a cosmetic change.

Patron and trustees are the bodies who are the guardian of the institution. Unlike other members, these bodies have responsibility to act as guardians all the time. They have the responsibility to direct, plan, make strategy and even raise fund for the growth and development of the institution.