

Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus Standing Rules of Membership

Article I: Application Forms

- 1.1: Any person aspiring to become a member of the Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus must complete a membership form.
- 1.2: The membership form must be available at general meetings of The Caucus and on the Caucus' website.
- 1.3: The membership form must be signed by the applicant attesting the applicant completed the membership form. The Membership Chair must establish a method by which applicants may sign the form electronically.
- 1.4: The membership form will include an attestation that the dues provided comply with the provisions of Article II of these rules. Discovery at a later date that dues did not in fact comply with Article II will result in the member's membership status being revoked, though votes made by the member prior to the discovery of noncompliance shall be considered valid.
- 1.5: Membership is not effective until the application is signed by the applicant.

Article II: Payment of Dues

- 2.1: Membership is not effective until dues are paid for an applicant.
- 2.2: Payment of membership dues may not be accepted from the following sources of funds unless otherwise established by these rules:
 - a. Candidate or office holder accounts;
 - b. Political action committees;
 - c. An organization established under Section 527 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; or
 - d. Corporate accounts.
- 2.3: Candidate or office holder accounts may be used to pay dues for the candidate or office holder for whom the account is dedicated.

Article III: Nonstandard Annual Memberships

- 3.1: The Caucus may establish nonstandard annual memberships with differing dues established by the membership in the method established in the bylaws. Members with nonstandard annual memberships have the same rights and responsibilities as members with standard annual memberships.
- 3.2: Student memberships may be offered for any person currently enrolled in an educational institution. The applicant must attest to being enrolled in said institution at the time of application. Renewing members must attest to remaining enrolled at the time of renewal.
- 3.3: Senior memberships may be offered to any person over the age of 65.

Article IV: Lifetime Memberships

4.1: Lifetime memberships are available to any applicant paying dues established by the members per the method in the bylaws, or may be granted by any other method by the Board or Caucus membership permissible under the bylaws.

Article V: Sustaining Memberships

5.1: Sustaining memberships may be offered at minimum monthly rates established per the method described in the bylaws.

Article VI: Membership Fund

6.1: 6.2: Sources of funds listed under Section 2.2 of these bylaws may provide funds for the membership fund.

6.3: Any person seeking funds from the membership fund to pay dues must attest that paying regular dues would be an undue hardship.

6.4: Applicants will be granted a standard annual membership at the determination of the Membership Chair and upon the availability of funds.