

POLICY ESTABLISHING AN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

- 1.- This policy shall be adopted by the National Executive in conformity with Article 4.5.1 of the National Union Constitution.
- 2.- « Associate Member » is defined as follows:
 - Any member of a union other than COPE that has concluded a service contract with COPE, a COPE Council or a COPE Local union; or
 - Any non-salaried individual who belongs to an Association that has concluded a service contract with COPE, a COPE Council or a COPE Local union.
- 3.- The Association shall be dedicated to studying, protecting and improving the moral, social and economic interests of its members.
- 4.- An associate member may, in conformity with the applicable constitution, attend any Local union or Council meetings as an observer with voice but without voting rights. He/she shall not be entitled to hold any elected position within COPE or its bodies.
- 5.- Unless decided otherwise by the National Executive, affiliation costs are those prescribed by the Constitution of the affiliating Local unions, Councils or the National Union.
- 6.- Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph and in exceptional circumstances, the National Executive may grant associate membership status under different terms.

It was moved by Garry Hamblin, seconded by Liz Fong to adopt the policy.

The motion was carried.

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