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Membership Policy

In order to be considered for membership, please submit the attached application form and a theatre resume to the above address or to any member of the Board of Directors. Applicants will be interviewed by the Board and will become members upon being deemed suitable to the Co-op's objectives. Members must pay equity in the form of a \$5 share.

Members differ from participants in that they attend the annual meeting of the members (held in May), where they have the right to (a) vote and (b) be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors. **Lack of membership will never exclude anyone from participating in the Co-op's productions.**

The Cape Breton Stage Company Co-operative's objectives are to produce quality original theatre in the CBRM, to educate others in the dramatic arts and stage production, and to contribute to the cultural enhancement of industrial Cape Breton.

Our bylaws include:

- The Co-operative shall be carried on without purpose of gain to the members.
- No part of the income of the Co-operative shall be payable to or otherwise available for the personal benefit of any member thereof.
- The liability of the members is limited.
- Members' applications to withdraw their membership and shares shall be made in writing to the Board and shall be subject to a policy of the Board of Directors.
- Members shall withdraw or be excluded from membership according to Section 29 and Regulations 4 and 6 of the Co-operative Associations Act, and also if a member acts contrary to the best interests of the Co-operative.
- Special meetings shall be held when called by the secretary as directed by the directors, or by a written request of the members as per Section 5(2) or Regulation 17 of the Co-operative Associations Act. All meetings shall be at such place as the directors or the Inspector may from time to time determine.
- At all meetings 4 of the members shall constitute a quorum.
- Notice of annual or special meetings shall be mailed by post to the registered address of the member at least ten days prior to the meeting.
- If a vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, the Directors may appoint a member to fill that vacancy until the next annual meeting when the members shall hold an election to complete the term of vacancy. Eligibility for election to the Board of Directors: (1) agrees with objectives of the co-operative; (2) accepts leadership position when requested; (3) supports to co-operative wherever possible.
- The Board shall determine the conditions of membership including the requirements to pay equity in the form of fees and/or shares. The par value of shares is five dollars (\$5) each. There shall be no dividends paid on shares. The minimum number of shares to be held by each member is 1.
- No member loans will be issued.

Please contact us for a complete list of our bylaws or with any questions.