

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Individuals eligible for active membership in SDONE shall be registered nurse leaders who are active in the field of health care. This will include, but is not limited to, RN's who hold or aspire to hold an organizational role of administration/management who are accountable for strategic, operational and/or performance outcomes in sites where health care is delivered; faculty in graduate and undergraduate nursing programs, including deans and directors; executive directors of AONE Affiliated Groups; consultants in nursing administration/management practice; persons working in professional associations, regulatory agencies and/or accrediting health care organizations; retired full members and editors of professional nursing journals. Eligible leaders may vote in meetings, hold office or vote for Executive Board Members of the Organization except as otherwise set forth in these Bylaws. Membership eligibility will be extended to former members licensed in the profession of nursing and interested in maintaining membership or rejoining SDONE but present role does not meet eligibility criteria.

Further, candidates for membership must be currently licensed in the state of South Dakota or hold a multi-state privilege to practice with the exception of federal government employees who are required to be licensed in only one state.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Past presidents of the Organization, regardless of their current work positions shall be granted lifetime honorary membership in the Organization, however, in order to hold office in the Organization they must meet one of the membership eligibility requirements as stated in Article III, Section 1. Honorary past president members will not be required to pay dues, can have voice in organization matters, however, no voting rights.

Section 2 ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Organization shall become effective upon approval by Executive Board, or designee, of a completed application form and the receipt of the specified dues.

Section 3 TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Organization shall not be transferable to another person. A member who changes institutional affiliation shall retain membership during the full term for which dues have been paid.

Section 4 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. RESIGNATION. A member may at any time file a resignation from the Organization in writing to the Board.
- b. ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. The Executive Board may suspend or expel any member for any cause it deems sufficient after giving such member an opportunity for hearing, in accordance with the basic rules, affording due process to determine the truth and sufficiency of the charge. Any member suspended or expelled may be reinstated by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board.

Section 5 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary membership shall be granted nurses of distinction, who may be elected to membership in the Organization by the Board. Honorary members shall pay no dues, have voice, but no vote, in the Organization.