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### III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Any individual interested in the objectives of CAS may become a member. No person shall be denied membership because of race, creed, religious or political affiliation, national origin, gender or disability.
2. Adult/Family memberships shall be anyone 18 years or older and/or their families.
3. Junior membership shall be anyone under 18 years of age. Members who begin the year as Juniors shall remain so even though they may later qualify for Adult membership. Junior members shall have full membership voting privileges and may hold committee positions.
4. Membership may be terminated and all rights and privileges forfeited, at the discretion of the executive committee for:
  - a. For conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the organization as a whole.
5. A list of membership benefits is listed in the CAS Handbook and on our website.
6. Each member of CAS has access to the CAS Handbook on our website and can request an email copy by contacting our Web Admin. (<https://www.coloradoaquarium.org/contact>)

### IV. DUES

1. Dues shall be designated by the executive committee. DUES WAIVED until further notice.
2. Dues will be paid for one year from July 1st to June 30th. Members that join with more than 6 months until renewal date (July 1st) will pay prorated dues as designated by the members of the Executive committee. Members that join with less than 6 months until renewal date (July 1st) will pay the prorated dues plus a full additional year.
3. Renewals will be considered delinquent if they have not been paid within 60 days of July 1st. Membership may be terminated and all rights and privileges will be forfeited.
4. No refund for membership will be given to any member for any reason.

Proposed Revision:

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1. Any individual interested in the objectives of CAS may become a member. No person shall be denied membership because of race, creed, religious or political affiliation, national origin, gender or disability.
2. All memberships are for an individual.
3. In cases of hardship, endowment memberships may be granted, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, on an individual case-by-case basis.
4. Membership may be terminated and all rights and privileges forfeited, at the discretion of the executive committee, for conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the organization as a whole.
5. Benefits of Membership:
  - a. Receive better seller splits at auctions
  - b. Participate in growth contest(s)
  - c. Participate in bowl shows
  - d. Invited to attend the annual CAS holiday party, summer picnic, and any field trips.
    - i. Each member is allowed to bring 2 guests to any event. Members' children under 18 years old do not count towards this guest limit.
    - ii. Fees may still apply for these activities as determined by the Board of Directors.
  - e. Participate in the Breeders Award Program
  - f. Participate in the Par Meter Loaner program (and any other equipment programs if/when available)
  - g. Eligible to serve on the CAS Board of Directors
  - h. Entitled to one vote during any vote of the general membership
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2. Dues paid will purchase a one-year membership from January 1st to December 31st.
  - a. Membership may be purchased at any time and takes effect immediately.
  - b. Memberships will not be prorated, regardless of when they are purchased.
3. Memberships will not be renewed automatically.
  - a. Renewals will be considered delinquent if they have not been paid within 60 days of January 1st.
  - b. Delinquent memberships shall be terminated and all rights and privileges will be forfeited.
4. No refund for membership will be given to any member for any reason.
5. Dues Credit. Individuals must register for the dues credit program in order for credits to be accrued.
  - a. Dues credit can be earned for volunteering in C.A.S. related activities at a rate of \$2.00 per hour.
  - b. Credits can be used toward membership dues for the following membership year.
  - c. Full membership credit may be transferred for use by another individual at the request of the volunteer.
  - d. A volunteer may donate credits toward an endowment membership(s) to be granted by the board in cases of hardship.
  - e. It is the individual's responsibility to request that dues credits be applied toward a membership/renewal.
  - f. Any earned credits from the prior year not used, transferred, or donated by the end of the membership renewal grace period shall be forfeited.