



North Island Pride Society Board Policy	
MBR-01	Membership Approval Policy
Director Responsible	VP Membership
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President's Signature	President (vacant) p.p. 
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## 1.0 Objective

The objective of the policy is to encourage efficiency by empowering VP Membership (or their designate) to approve new members who meet a pre-set criteria as determined by the board.

## 2.0 Policy Statement

### 2.1 General

The board's policy is that, while membership applications are invited and encouraged, no person has a right to become a member of the society. Per the society's bylaws, membership in the society is granted upon approval by the board. The board reserves the right to deny any membership application for any reason and without giving reasons.

### 2.2 VP Membership Empowered

VP Membership may approve new members on behalf of the board if the applicant fulfills the requirements set out in this policy's procedure. For further clarity, VP Membership is not required to grant membership to an applicant who fulfills these requirements.

## 3.0 Procedure

While filling out a membership application on the society's website, the applicant will be asked to agree to the Terms and Conditions of Membership. The Terms and Conditions of Membership are as follows:

"By submitting a registration form, you agree to support the purposes of the society, as described in the society's constitution.

You also agree to abide by the North Island Pride Society's bylaws and the policies enacted by the board.

You also agree to treat every member with respect and dignity, regardless of disagreement.

You also agree you will not participate in or condone any of the following unacceptable behaviours:

- discrimination on the basis of age, ability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, family status, or socio-economic status.

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- sexual harassment
- bullying

You also agree that if at any time during the course of your membership you fail to meet these terms and conditions, you may be subjected to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the society, in accordance with the provisions of the society's bylaws and the *Societies Act*.”

If an applicant indicates agreement with the Terms and Conditions of Membership, VP Membership may approve the new member on behalf of the board.

#### **4.0 Definitions**

“VP Membership” means the person elected or appointed to this position on the board or, in the case of a vacancy, the person(s) tasked with fulfilling VP Membership’s responsibilities.

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