



Nuttall Ornithological Club

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA AND APPLICATION FORMS

FROM THE BYLAWS

Article X - Membership

Section 1. The Club shall have two classes of Members: Resident and Honorary. They shall be elected by the Council.

Section 2. Resident Members shall be persons with a serious interest in ornithology, who, at the time of their election, may be expected to attend meetings of the Club with reasonable regularity. Resident Members alone shall be entitled to vote on any matters of Club business, or to hold office. A candidate for membership shall be proposed by two or more Resident Members, given in writing to the Secretary on a form obtainable from the Secretary. Copies of any pending proposals for membership shall be circulated to the Members of the Council by the Secretary. The nomination may be acted upon during any subsequent meeting of the Council at which a quorum is present. Election shall require the affirmative vote of a least five (5) Members of the Council. The Council may elect or exclude a candidate, or may table a proposal for membership for further consideration. The Secretary shall promptly inform a candidate's sponsors of whatever action the Council has taken on a proposal for membership. Every newly elected Resident Member shall, within three months of the date of election, pay to the Treasurer an entrance fee in an amount to be determined by the Council from time to time. A new Member, from the date of election, shall be liable for dues in the same way as other Members. An excluded candidate may be re-nominated for membership after a period of not less than six months from the date of the vote by which he or she was excluded.

Section 3. Honorary Members shall be ornithologists of such eminence that the Club desires to honor them with special status, even though distance or lack of time may prevent their regular attendance at meetings. Persons enrolled as Resident Members may be considered for elevation to Honorary Membership. Honorary Members shall be elected in the manner set forth in Section 2 of this Article X but shall never exceed ten in number at any one time. They may attend meetings at their pleasure and take part in the discussions of the Club. They shall not be liable for entrance fees or dues.

Article XI - Dues

Every Resident Member shall be subject to annual dues set by the Council and approved by a majority of Members voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Annual dues are payable on or before the date of the Annual Meeting. The Council may, by a three-fourths vote, exempt any Member from payment of dues.

Article XII - Termination of Membership

Section 1. Any Member whose dues are fully paid may withdraw from the Club by giving written notice to the Secretary.

Section 2. Any Member whose dues or indebtedness to the Club remain unpaid for thirteen months may be removed from membership by Council action.

Section 3. Any Member may be expelled from the Club by a vote of three-fourths of the Resident Members present at a meeting specially called for the purpose, written notice having been mailed to each Resident Member at least thirty days previous to the date of such meeting.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NOC has two categories of members – Resident and Honorary. As of February 2004, the NOC has 132 Resident Members and five Honorary Members. The latter are listed in the list of Current Officers and Committee Members included in this handbook.

Members of the Council elect both the Resident and Honorary Members. In 2000 the Council developed a list of selection criteria that the Council and members should use to select members for nomination. They are included on the next page.

When two members (co-sponsors) of the Club wish to propose a new member, they ask the candidate to complete the candidate Proposal for Membership application form. The co-sponsors then fill in sponsor's Proposal for Membership application form. These forms are both included. Once they are completed they are sent to the Secretary who then submits them to the Council.

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Application for Membership

Guidelines for Sponsors

When proposing a new candidate for membership in the Nuttall Ornithological Club, please review the following procedures.

1. Ask the candidate to complete the biographical information on the attached form.
2. Have the candidate return the application to you, and state on the reverse side of the form what ornithological qualifications prompted you to propose this candidate.
3. Ask the co-sponsor to complete his or her portion of the form as in #2 above.
4. Return the application to the Secretary of the club.

Guidelines for Completing Sponsors Recommendation

The NOC Council will consider the following criteria when reviewing a candidate's application. The council does not expect that all candidates will excel in all of the following areas. Some will be extremely strong in a single area; others will be accomplished in several. The criteria, as well as some examples of these qualities, are:

Scholarship

Examples: Has published books, or articles in ornithological journals. Has taught ornithology or conducted ornithological research.

Leadership

Examples: Has served as an elected officer of a birding, ornithological, or conservation organization, or as a CBC compiler. Has initiated school birding program, or bird conservation effort.

Field Excellence

Examples: Has authored or contributed to regional bird reports for a birding journal. Has conducted Breeding Bird Surveys, or led birding trips.

Strong Interest in the Nuttall Ornithological Club

Examples: Has attended meetings consistently over a period of at least a year. Has spoken at a NOC meeting, or authored a Nuttall publication.

Recent Demonstration of These Qualities

Some of the above qualities should have been demonstrated in the past three years.

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Proposal for Membership

(to be completed by Candidate)

Candidates Name: _____

(If desired included a middle initial)

Address (for club mailings): _____

Home Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Work Telephone _____ Work Fax _____

Education _____

Ornithological qualifications of proposed member (to be completed by candidate):

Include organizational affiliations and offices held, published works, research projects, and general birding or ornithological involvement.

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Proposal for Membership

(to be completed by Each Sponsor)

After reviewing the guidelines on the attached sheet, please describe why you believe this candidate would be a good member of NOC.

Name of Sponsor: _____

Date _____

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