**MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

# Membership in The Alberta Library (TAL)

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| **Policy**   1. A Member is a library or organization that:    1. Supports the strategic directions and principles of TAL.    2. Pays fees according to the established fee structure.    3. Appoints a Proxy to vote at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings. |
| 1. Membership categories:    1. Academic and university libraries    2. Public libraries    3. Regional library systems    4. Other organizations |
| 1. Responsibilities of Membership:    1. Members have library collections, services, staffing and budget to fulfill their primary service mandate.    2. Members will actively participate in the work of TAL.    3. Members will make collections and services available to other members in accordance with local policy. |
| 1. Membership Fees    1. Shall be reviewed every year as part of the budget cycle.    2. The membership year is from January 1 to December 31.    3. Membership dues are payable at the commencement of the membership year. |
| 1. Rights and obligations of members:    1. Each member has one vote at Members meetings.    2. Withdrawal requires written notice of one membership year. |
| 1. Applicants for Membership will:    1. Submit a letter of application stating they support the strategic directions and principles of TAL.    2. Complete and submit a Member Profile.    3. Are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. |

# RELATED DOCUMENTS

* *Membership Fee Principles*
* *Member Representatives (Proxies) and Alternate Proxies procedures*
* *Resource Sharing Principles*

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