

CRITERIA FOR CCD MEMBERSHIP

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) is a working coalition of consumer, advocacy, provider and professional organizations that advocate on behalf of children and adults with physical and mental disabilities and their families. Since 1973, the CCD has advocated for federal legislation and regulations to assure that the more than 56 million people with disabilities are fully integrated into the mainstream of our nation's life. Over 100 national organizations now actively participate in the Consortium.

Following are criteria for membership in CCD:

1. Only national non-profit organizations are eligible for membership. Since CCD focuses on federal issues, CCD member organizations' work within CCD must be national in scope with a Washington D.C. presence. Individuals or units of local, state, or federal government are not eligible for membership. While for-profit organizations may not join CCD, they may join associations that are eligible for membership. Member organizations may be represented by staff, consultants, or volunteers.
2. Membership status is divided into two categories. They are:
 - A. **1-Year Introductory Membership Status:** (First time organizations only) – Introductory Membership Status is a one-time membership for only 1 year. This status allows the first time organizations to observe and participate in CCD and its Task Forces to evaluate the value of CCD membership for their organization. The member will have full Task Force voting rights. The member organization must still meet all CCD Membership Full Status criteria without having ever participated in CCD before filing for this membership status. Membership dues for the 1-Year Introductory Membership Status are: \$200.00.
 - B. **Full Membership Status:** Full Membership Status provides the organization Task Force voting rights, eligibility for Task Force Co-Chair Status, and eligibility for membership on the CCD Board of Directors. Membership dues for the Full Membership Status are: \$650.00.
3. The member organizations' major purposes must involve advocacy with and for people with disabilities including support for civil rights and needed services and supports.
4. THE MEMBER ORGANIZATION MUST:
 - A. Actively participate in at least one Task Force. Member organizations will have staff, consultants, or volunteers attend the CCD annual meeting and participate in Task Force meetings;
 - B. Subscribe to the Mission and Vision of CCD (see attached);
 - C. Pay dues, as stated above;
 - D. Agree to abide by Code of Participation;
 - E. Agree to abide by Task Force rule; and
 - F. Have a process to review and sign on to Task Force letters, testimony, policy positions and other documents related to Task Force business.
5. The Board of Directors may occasionally grant membership to an organization with no Washington presence, which would participate actively by fax, e-mail, and phone.

PROCESSING MEMBERSHIPS

All members and prospective members will complete a CCD membership application at the beginning of each session of Congress. The membership form must be signed by an appropriate representative of the organization and indicate that all membership criteria will be met.

The membership committee established by the CCD Board of Directors will review the application of all members or prospective members to determine if they meet criteria for membership. The committee will submit recommendations on membership to the Board of Directors.

The membership committee may request copies of an applicant's bylaws, charter or other documents for review and verification of requested membership status.

All membership applications, including dues payment, must be received by March 31, 2017 to remain a member in good standing. Any dues received between April 1 - 30, 2017 shall include a \$50 late fee in addition to the \$650.00 dues. Any dues received between May 1 - 31, 2017 shall include a \$100.00 late fee in addition to the \$650.00 dues. CCD membership and benefits are automatically suspended after June 1, 2017, if dues are not received. Members not in good standing shall be so notified and be removed from all CCD lists.

FINANCING CCD

CCD members will contribute an annual fee in accordance with their membership status as described in Membership Status section of this document. CCD member organizations that may wish to contribute more than their required dues are encouraged to do so. CCD dues will be spent in accordance with the CCD Annual Budget as determined by the Board of Directors.

Task Forces will determine ways of covering expenses related to task force activities.

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