

INDIVIDUAL (ASSOCIATE) MEMBER RATIFICATION GUIDELINES



The SERCUL Constitution states that an Associate Member is an individual Member who supports the Objects and Purposes of SERCUL, does not have voting rights but has the entitlements specified in Rule 5.3.

The objects and purposes of SERCUL are:

- a) Deliver environmental management projects in the South Region of Perth and beyond in partnership with community environmental groups, State and local government, Aboriginal organisations and the private sector.
- b) Support the capability and build capacity of community environmental groups to rehabilitate and care for their local natural environments.
- c) Foster responsible stewardship of the natural environment by the community through education and encouraging participation in landcare.
- d) Lead by example in implementing best practice methodologies and supporting innovation and research in environmental management.
- e) Use SERCUL's financial and other resources in an efficient and sustainable way to advance its other objectives while ensuring a safe and fulfilling workplace for staff.

Rule 5.3 - All Members shall be entitled to:

- 5.3.1 Nominate for election to the Board;
- 5.3.2 Receive a copy of the Register of Members in accordance with Section 54 and Section 56 of the Act;
- 5.3.3 Receive a copy of the Constitution in accordance with Part 3, Division 3 of the Act; and
- 5.3.4 Receive notice of and to attend any general meeting of the Association.

Ratification Guidelines

To allow the SERCUL Board to assess whether an individual will be granted an Associate Membership the following guidelines will be followed:

- The applicant will be asked (on the member application form) why they want to be an Associate Member. Applicants would need to provide a brief statement outlining their reason eg, want to nominate to be a Board member, would like to attend the quarterly community forums. As the Board are not always sure why someone is applying for membership this will help to determine their intent.
- Associate Members must agree to abide by the Constitution and support the Objects and Purposes of the Association. Thus, the applicant will be asked (on the member application form) to demonstrate how, through study, employment, professional practice, community involvement, or volunteering, they support SERCUL's Objects.

This may include (but is not limited to):

- a) Participation in environmental management, landcare, conservation, education, sustainability, research, or community engagement initiatives;
- b) Study in environmental science, natural resource management, sustainability, planning, Aboriginal land management, community development, or related fields;
- c) Employment in local or state government, environmental organisations, community groups, or relevant private sector roles;
- d) Volunteering with environmental or community organisations.

Applicants would be required to provide a brief statement outlining their relevant involvement and indicate which Object(s) their activities support. This will demonstrate to the Board the applicants experience in these areas.