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- **Definitions.**
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- **Voting privileges.**
- **Insurance.**
- **How Multiple Memberships are to be reflected in State/Unit Membership Rosters.**

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PARENT BCHC Membership Types are termed: **Individual, Family (Shared), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney**. A **PARENT** membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit, or it may be non-affiliated as a Membership At Large. BCHC members may hold more than one active **PARENT** membership.

In an effort to avoid or minimize such duplication problems as may arise involving mailings, voting rights and Local Unit Census audits, this policy defines, establishes and implements an alternative to multiple active **PARENT** memberships, hereinafter referred to as **Associate Membership**.

Associate Memberships are only available to persons already holding **PARENT** BCHC membership. Non-members joining BCHC may not elect Associate Membership until after having registered as one of the **PARENT** membership types, and having selected Local Unit affiliation.

Members desiring further affiliation with another Local Unit (other Local Units) may apply for Associate Membership within that Unit (those Units). There will be no limitation as to number of Associate Memberships which may be held by any **PARENT** Membership in good standing. Associate Memberships may be initiated/renewed at time of Parent membership application or renewal. Associate memberships may also be initiated at any time during the term of the Parent membership, but unlike Parent memberships, which are of 1-year duration, *Associate memberships must expire concurrently with the Parent membership*, and are renewable only upon renewal of the Parent membership.

Associate memberships are available to all memberships, as follows:

Eligibility

Members in good standing maintaining Individual, Family (Shared), Benefactor, Patron, or Mt. Whitney memberships within any BCHC Local Unit are eligible to apply for and hold Associate Membership within other Local Units. At Large Members are also eligible to hold Associate Memberships.

Participation in BCHC State and Local Unit Events/Activities

Participation in BCHC State Organization events is extended to all Parent memberships in good standing. Members holding *Associate Memberships will participate based upon their Parent membership only.*

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Each BCHC Local Unit will determine at its own discretion the voting rights of its Associate memberships within Local Unit affairs.

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Dues for each Associate membership held by any member will be *equal to the amount of the Local Unit Rebate* for an Individual type membership (not including BCHA surcharge) PLUS \$5.00. Unlike the distribution of Individual type membership dues (50% to the State Organization, and 50% to the Local Unit), distribution of dues for Associate type memberships will be \$5.00 to the State Organization, and balance to the Local Unit.

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