

DEPARTMENT OF MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS (DMV)

DMV MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Preamble:

Membership in the Department of Museum Volunteers (DMV) is an important aspect of a volunteer's commitment to the organization and its mission to create programs and provide volunteer services and financial support for curatorial research, the acquisition of artifacts and specimens, and ROM programs for the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM).

The DMV values all its members and recognizes the right of each person to be treated with respect and courtesy without abuse, harassment or discrimination.

There are different categories of membership.

Policy:

In accordance with ROM membership requirements, DMV members must be members of the ROM. In addition, Active and Associate members are required to make an annual tax receipted donation to the DMV. Provisional, Honorary Life members and members who are currently on a one-year leave-of-absence are not required to make the annual donation to the DMV.

Membership is a commitment to the DMV and a means to actively participate in its administration, programs and activities. Membership offers the opportunity to:

- Enjoy a sense of community, partnership, personal investment in and ongoing commitment to the DMV and the ROM.
- Gain an in-depth knowledge of the ROM's collections and research programs.
- Participate in DMV and ROM activities.
- Meet and provide assistance to the visitor and general public.
- Generate financial support for curatorial research, the acquisition of artifacts and specimens, and ROM programs.

The DMV is committed to diversifying its membership, including the accommodation of people with disabilities, wherever reasonably possible.

DMV Membership is conditional until completion of appropriate orientation. Upon placement, members are expected to meet their commitment to participate in, or provide support for, specific programs or activities.

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Membership categories are as follows:

Provisional - new members who have served less than six months and have not completed an orientation process.

Active - members who are active in at least one DMV activity / program. There are three categories of Active membership - regular members, senior members who shall be 65 years of age or over, and student members, who shall be full-time students. Active members who are unable to fulfill their commitments may apply for a leave of absence for up to one year after two (2) years of active membership.

Associate - after five years of active service, members who are not active but wish to continue an association with the DMV.

Honorary Life - members who have contributed exceptional volunteer service to the ROM. Honorary Life members are appointed by the Board of Directors.

Related Policies:

DMV Volunteer Resources
DMV Abuse, Harassment & Discrimination
ROM Membership
ROM Human Resources
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