



## **MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

Membership is open to all interested parties including immediate and extended families of children with autism, carers, teachers and professionals. Corporate members are also welcome. Any person who is at least 18 years of age may apply for membership.

Membership benefits include access to education workshops conducted by AEIOU at a reduced rate; monthly newsletters and discounts to some fundraising events.

All applicants for membership shall be nominated by two financial members.

The application for membership is attached. The application form should be sent to the address on the form together with the applicant's annual subscription for the current financial year (currently \$30). Annual membership due 1 July each year.

Every application for membership shall be dealt with by the Board at its first regular meeting following the deposit of such application at the office. The Board may in its absolute discretion admit or otherwise deal with the application for membership of the Unit. If an application for membership is refused then the Board shall notify such applicant in writing of its decision setting out its reason for such refusal.

A person admitted for membership during the currency of the financial year shall nevertheless be liable to pay the full annual subscription for such year.

A member may resign his/her membership at any time but if resigning during a financial year he shall not be entitled to a refund of his/her annual subscription.

Any member may make application for Perpetual Membership (\$100). If such an application is approved by the Board then the applicant shall become a Perpetual Member and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Unit without the necessity for the payment of annual subscription.

A member may resign from the organisation at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary. Such resignation shall only take effect at the time when such notice is received by the Secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date. If a member -

- (1) is convicted in a Court of Law of an indictable offence, or,
- (2) fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Constitution, or,
- (3) conducts himself or herself in a manner considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the organisation:

the Board shall consider whether his membership shall be terminated.

Any person shall be a member of the organisation for a continuous period of 2 years prior to nomination as a board member. All nominees must be a current blue card holder prior to nomination.

## **OBJECTIVES OF AEIOU**

The objects of the Unit shall be to provide services in the form of an early intervention program comprising therapeutic treatment for communication, social, behavioural and intellectual deficits for children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder and the families of such persons including but not limited to the provision of education, or other support.

**A:** For the purposes of providing such welfare the Unit may provide facilities and/or services including the following:

(1) To provide such educational, psychological and other support or assistance to children and their families as the Board may from time to time determine;

(2) To provide a venue and facilities, including equipment and personnel to enable the optimum treatment of children and assist in the provision of the above mentioned services;

(3) To disseminate knowledge of Autism Spectrum Disorders and of the advances made in its diagnosis and treatment to children and their families and to further support them in their ordeal by promoting education to the medical and scientific personnel involved and to the public generally;

(4) To provide, assistance to any public hospital, university or other institute recognised in Queensland engaged in conducting any research project into Autism Spectrum Disorder and to assist with the provision of such employees, plant and equipment used or to be used in connection with any such project and the medical facilities which may be associated with the same;

(5) Engage in or carry out either on its own account or in conjunction with another party discussions and negotiations with governments, schools and other allied health services on behalf of children to attract better treatment and support conditions;

(6) To join programs with one or more other organisation having similar aims and objectives to the Unit to the same extent as if they were programs run solely by the Unit;

**B:** Such further or other acts or things as the Board may from time to time determine in furtherance of the objects of the Unit with a view to providing aid generally to young children with **Autism Spectrum Disorder and assistance with their treatment.**