

Paddle Steamer Preservation Society

Membership Principles

1. The PSPS is a membership-based charitable organisation. Although it is organised into a number of regional branches, membership is determined nationally and subscriptions are payable likewise.
2. The Council of Management shall determine from time to time, in accordance with the Articles of Association, the classes of membership offered and the applicable subscription rates.
3. The Council of Management shall also negotiate with the bodies responsible for operating its steamers or any other vessels, such fare discounts and other membership benefits it wishes to offer to members.
4. Each Society member may nominate which regional branch (s)he wishes to affiliate to and receive mailings from, including notices of local events. Subventions from national funds to branches will be based on registered membership numbers.

Membership Administration

5. Council shall, if it sees fit, appoint a Membership Secretary to administer the national membership picture.
6. The Membership Secretary shall create and maintain with appropriate security and backup an electronic database of members which will be the authoritative source of statistics about branch strengths, membership trends etc as requested by Council or its officers from time to time. All changes to members' details whether received by post, email or through the PSPS website will be recorded in the membership database.
7. The Membership Secretary will supply database extracts in the form of mailing lists and address labels to Branch Secretaries or other officers as required for the periodic distribution of Paddle Wheels and other printed material branch by branch to currently paid-up members. The Membership Secretary will also arrange appropriate catch-up mailings for new joiners and late renewers.
8. The Membership Secretary will arrange with Branch Secretaries for the collection of annually renewed subscriptions paid by cash or cheque, and with the Treasurer for the recording of Direct Debits or other automatic periodic payments.
9. The Membership Secretary will be responsible for the procurement and issue of membership cards or any other proofs of benefit entitlement to give effect to the decisions of Council.
10. Reasonable expenses incurred on IT infrastructure, printing, stationery, postage etc will be reimbursable from PSPS funds.

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