

Article 5 – Membership

A. Eligible members: To become a member of the HDM, the individual must meet ALL the following conditions:

1. Be a Muslim from Ahl Sunnah waljama'ah.
2. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
3. Must reside within the boundaries of the municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth area.
4. Must pay membership dues or make a documented donation of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more in any given year.

Muslims who meet conditions 1, 2 and 4 but reside outside of the boundaries of the municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth may become non-voting honorary members of HDM.

B. Rights:

1. Membership shall be valid from January 1st to December 31st of each calendar year.
2. Membership renewal becomes effective upon payment of the membership fee.
3. The voting member may attend and vote in General Body meetings.
4. The voting member may attend Board of Director and Advisory Council meetings as an observer or to present a pre-arranged proposal.
5. The voting member may nominate another eligible member for the positions of the Board of Directors during an election year.
6. **Voting members in good standing, who have maintained their membership for at least two (2) consecutive years, are also eligible to stand for election to the Board of Directors subject to article 6(C).**

C. Obligations: Members of the organization shall:

1. Strive to elect those candidates who have the knowledge and abilities required to perform the duties of the positions of the Board of Directors, have quality of piety, humility and trustworthiness as exemplified by the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (SAW).
2. Put the best interest of the HDM ahead and above the interests of any other organization or group.
3. Not engage in actions or discussions that, in the view of the Advisory Council, may lead to disunity or conflict in the mosque or the community at large.
4. In addition to the provisions of this constitution, abide by and adhere to the General Rules and Code of Conducts of the HDM.