Vote on AB09-08: Motion to accept proposed STARFLEET Membership handbook changes

Vote started May 28, 2009
Vote ended July 11, 2009

Text of resolution:

That the AB approve the proposed changes to the STARFLEET Membership Handbook, as outlined by VADM Dave Blaser. It was further clarified that the document referenced in 'MHB 2009 Edit proposal 1b.doc' (reproduced in it's entirety below)

The motion was made by Region 13 (Joe Sare), and seconded by Region 1 (Ruth Lane).

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye	R05: Aye	R09: Abstain	R13: Aye
R02: Abstain	R06: Abstain	R10: Aye	R14: Abstain
R03: Aye	R07: Aye	R11: Aye	R15: Aye
R04: Abstain	R08: Aye	R12: Aye	R17: Aye

By a vote of 11:00:05 this motion passes

This vote was started prior to the removal of Region 14 Coordinator and closing of Region 14, and as such, this vote must be reported, and counted into the vote totals.

STARFLEET MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

Edit Proposal 2009

Below you will find eleven proposed updates to the STARFLEET Membership Handbook. Each item below will tell you want the proposed change it, show you what the current wording is and show you the suggested new wording. There are no changes for the SFI Constitution itself. All the changes below are strictly to the Handbook and most are due to changes in the way SFI currently does things.

1. Update the cover with the date
   o Currently reads May 2008
   o Update to date of edit approval

2. Update Publisher to
   o Currently reads Commodore Peter G Christian Chief of Communications STARFLEET
   o Update to Commodore Jonathan Lane Chief of Communications STARFLEET

3. Update Editor to
   o Currently reads Vice Admiral Garrick Halverson Vice Commander STARFLEET
   o Update to VADM Dave Blaser, appropriate title(s)

4. Update Designer to
   o Currently reads Commodore Robert McCann Chief of Staff to the VCS, STARFLEET
   o Update to BGN Bran Stimpson, appropriate title(s)

5. Update Handbook Update History
   o Add Eighth Edition date of edit approval

6. Section 01:02 THE STARFLEET HELP DESK
   The section is a rewrite as the functioning of the Help Desk has changed
   o Currently reads;
      Section 01:02 - THE STARFLEET HELP DESK
      The STARFLEET Help Desk was created to provide members a centralized resource to submit problems to and have them resolved. Staffed by members from all Executive Committee Departments, it issues tickets for problems logged that can be used to track the issue from submission to resolution. The STARFLEET Help Desk accepts requests via mail, electronic mail, phone, and fax.
   o Rewrite to ;
      Section 01:02 – THE STARFLEET MEMBER SERVICES HELP DESK
      The Member Services Help Desk, under the office of the Vice Commander STARFLEET, is designed to accept tickets from the membership for items such as problems, suggestions, compliments, and complaints. All tickets are logged in order to be tracked until the ticket is resolved and used for issue tracking. It is staffed by members of the Member Services department who work closely with the Executive Committee. The STARFLEET Member Services Help Desk may accept requests via mail, electronic mail, website, phone, and fax.

7. Section 02:03 THE MEMBERSHIP PACKET

The changes to this section include removing a bullet about the Assignment card and adding a bullet about the database access card

- o Currently reads;

  > The following basic materials are included in the Membership Packet:
  > •Membership Identification Card
  > •Membership Certificate
  > •The STARFLEET Membership Handbook
  > •The STARFLEET Vessel Registry
  > •An application for courses offered by STARFLEET Academy
  > •An Assignment Card (attached to your membership card) to be given to your CO
  > If any of the above is missing from your packet, please contact the Office of the Chief of Computer Operations to obtain replacement(s).
  > In addition to the Membership Packet, you will be subscribed for six issues (one year) of the official STARFLEET Newsletter — the STARFLEET Communiqué (CQ).

- o Rewrite to;

  > The following basic materials are included in the Membership Packet:
  > •Membership Identification Card with SCC#
  > •Membership Certificate
  > •The STARFLEET Membership Handbook
  > •The STARFLEET Vessel Registry
  > •An application for courses offered by STARFLEET Academy
  > •A Database Access Card (With your Username and Password) if either of these items are blank please contact the Member Services Helpdesk to have the information regenerated for you.
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  > In addition to the Membership Packet, you will be subscribed for six issues (one year) of the official STARFLEET Newsletter — the STARFLEET Communiqué (CQ).

8. Section 02:04 MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

The changes here include the elimination to references to the crew assignment card, changes to chapter assignment procedures, and a notation concerning Associate member are unassigned members.

- o Currently reads;

  > Article 1, Section 1 of the STARFLEET Constitution defines two categories of STARFLEET members: Active Duty and Associate.
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  > **Active Duty Membership**
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  > Active Duty members of STARFLEET are those individuals who choose to participate in the futuristic atmosphere provided by the chapters of STARFLEET, as well as the atmosphere created by the unique infrastructure of the organization. Active duty members are entitled to sign aboard the STARFLEET chapter of their choice and hold a fictional rank within the organization. Active duty members may also choose to become involved in operations and activities or hold a position of responsibility at the Chapter, Regional, and International levels.
  >
  > Enclosed with your new membership packet is a Membership card. This card affords proof of your membership in STARFLEET, as well as documenting important information about you, including your name, address, and STARFLEET Security Clearance Code (SCC) number, and membership expiration date.
  >
  > Also enclosed in your packet is a current edition of the Vessel Registry, which lists all currently active chapters of STARFLEET. You may elect to join any chapter of

STARFLEET, near or far, and participate in whatever fashion is acceptable to both you and the Commanding Officer of your chosen chapter. In order to join, send your completed Request for Assignment card and a SASE to the CO of your chapter of choice. Please note that some chapters charge additional dues over those levied by STARFLEET.

STARFLEET policy dictates that you can officially belong to the roster of only one chapter at a time, in order to allow STARFLEET Headquarters to efficiently track memberships and chapter crew strengths. This chapter is known as your Primary Chapter. However, members are free to participate in the activities of chapters other than that which they are primarily assigned to. Should you ever wish to transfer your Primary Chapter membership from one chapter to another, simply inform both of the COs involved and the Office of the Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET in order to make the necessary updates to the STARFLEET Database and crew rosters. Change of Chapter forms are available from the documents section of the STARFLEET web site.

When you renew your membership in STARFLEET, you will also be provided with a membership Request for Assignment card, containing the same information as the card for new members. This card serves as proof of your membership renewal and should be given to your CO upon receipt for the chapter's records.

Associate Membership

Associate members choose not to participate in the fictional aspects of STARFLEET, and therefore do not receive a position aboard a chapter or a fictional rank within the organization. Associate Members will receive all membership materials, as well as the Communiqué. If at any time an Associate member wishes to become an Active Duty member, he or she should simply advise the Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET in writing of their choice of chapter assignment and then follow the guidelines above for new Active Duty members choosing a chapter.

o Update to;

Article 1, Section 1 of the STARFLEET Constitution defines two categories of STARFLEET members: Active Duty and Associate (Also referred to as unassigned).

Active Duty Membership

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Also enclosed in your packet is the most recently printed copy of the Vessel Registry, which lists all currently active chapters of STARFLEET(A newer version may be available on the STARFLEET website) . You may elect to join any chapter of STARFLEET, near or far, and participate in whatever fashion is acceptable to both you

and the Commanding Officer of your chosen chapter. Please note that some chapters charge additional dues over those levied by STARFLEET. If you did not request assignment to a chapter when you filled out your application you can request assignment to the chapter of your choice by contacting Member Services Helpdesk and the Chapter CO.

STARFLEET policy dictates that you can officially belong to the roster of only one chapter at a time, in order to allow STARFLEET Headquarters to efficiently track memberships and chapter crew strengths. This chapter is known as your Primary Chapter. However, members are free to participate in the activities of chapters other than that which they are primarily assigned to. Should you ever wish to transfer your Primary Chapter membership from one chapter to another, simply inform both of the COs involved and the Member Services Helpdesk in order to make the necessary updates to the STARFLEET Database and crew rosters. Change of Chapter forms are available from the documents section of the STARFLEET web site.

Associate Membership

Associate members (Also referred to as unassigned) choose not to participate in the fictional aspects of STARFLEET, and therefore do not receive a position aboard a chapter or a fictional rank within the organization. Associate Members will receive all membership materials, as well as the Communiqué. If at any time an Associate member wishes to become an Active Duty member, he or she should simply advise the Member Services Helpdesk of their choice of chapter assignment and then follow the guidelines above for new Active Duty members choosing a chapter.

9. SECTION 05 STARFLEET CONSTITUTION
   Consider moving the constitution to somewhere more accessible and easier to find in the MHB for the members. Section 05 is fairly centered in the book, perhaps moving it to Section 07 and moving 06 and 07 forward in the MHB.

10. SECTION 07:01 STARFLEET ACADEMY
    The changes here are adding the type of Scholarship before the name of each Scholarship making it easier for the membership.
    o Currently reads;
       The Scholarships are as follows:

       ▪ DeForest Kelley/Dr. Leonard McCoy Medical Scholarship - This is for medical studies and is varied from nursing school to physical therapy, pre-med to EMT-Paramedic, surgical technician to biomedical technician.
       ▪ James Doohan/Montgomery Scott Engineering Scholarship - This is the second most popular scholarship and covers any field related to engineering.
       ▪ Patrick Stewart Scholarship for the Performing Arts - This is for all those studying acting, dance, music or skills and training relating to the media.
       ▪ George Takei International Studies Scholarship - Mr. Takei requested international studies to foster his belief that better understanding of our diversity brings people closer together. This is for study of foreign languages or studies abroad.
       ▪ Armin Shimmerman Scholarship for Profitable Business - Rather tongue-in-cheek relating to his character, Quark. This scholarship is for business and management studies.
       ▪ Marina Sirtis Veterinary Science Scholarship - Ms. Sirtis is an animal rights advocate and wanted to encourage people to study veterinary medicine and related fields

- LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship - This one is for those studying to be teachers or educators in some field. It relates to LeVar's interest in literacy and his program Reading Rainbow.
- Gene Roddenberry Memorial Scholarship for Aspiring Writers - Majel Barret suggested this subject in Gene's honor for his love of writing: either book writing or writing for TV/movies.
- Space Explorers' Memorial Scholarship - This honors the Mercury and Challenger astronauts and Russian cosmonauts that have died to further our efforts in space exploration. It is a "general duty" scholarship and applies to all courses of study.
- The Law & Order Scholarship was started by a chapter for those studying Law Enforcement, no particular ST actor or actress involved.

- o Change to read;
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  - MEDICAL – DeForest Kelley/Dr. Leonard McCoy Medical Scholarship - This is for medical studies and is varied from nursing school to physical therapy, pre-med to EMT-Paramedic, surgical technician to biomedical technician.
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  - PERFORMING ARTS – Patrick Stewart Scholarship for the Performing Arts - This is for all those studying acting, dance, music or skills and training relating to the media
  - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES – George Takei International Studies Scholarship - Mr. Takei requested international studies to foster his belief that better understanding of our diversity brings people closer together. This is for study of foreign languages or studies abroad.
  - BUSINESS/MANAGEMENT – Armin Shimmerman Scholarship for Profitable Business - Rather tongue-in-cheek relating to his character, Quark. This scholarship is for business and management studies.
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  - WRITERS – Gene Roddenberry Memorial Scholarship for Aspiring Writers - Majel Barrett suggested this subject in Gene's honor for his love of writing: either book writing or writing for TV/movies.
  - LAW ENFORCEMENT- The Law & Order Scholarship - was started by a chapter for those studying Law Enforcement, no particular ST actor or actress involved.
  - GENERAL- Space Explorers' Memorial Scholarship - This honors the Mercury and Challenger astronauts and Russian cosmonauts that have died to further our efforts in space exploration. It is a "general duty" scholarship and applies to all courses of study.

11. Section 07:02 through Section 07:13

The changes here are removing the courses under each Institute or Program. This is because of the fluidic nature of the STARFLEET Academy. The removal of the Institute of Athletics listing, and the renumbering of the sections.

- o Current Sections read as;
  Section 07:02 ACADEMY DEGREE PROGRAM
  Officer's Training School, Officer's Command College, Flag Officer's School, STARFLEET Officer's Leadership College, College of Accessibility, College of Recruiting.

This Program awards Academy-level Associate, Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate degrees according to how many courses a member has taken and in which areas of study.

Section 07:03 - INSTITUTE OF ARTS
College of Communications, College of Economics, College of Genealogy, College of History, College of Law, College of Mythological Studies.
This Institute focuses on the Social Sciences, both real life and Star Trek.

Section 07:04 - INSTITUTE OF ALIEN STUDIES
Andorian Orientation College, Cardassian Orientation College, College of Borg Technology, College of XenoAnthropology, Klingon Warrior Academy, Romulan Orientation College, The Gorn Academy, Vulcan Orientation College.
This institute introduces students to the cultures, military, history, and languages of various species presented in the Star Trek universe.

Section 07:05 - INSTITUTE OF ATHLETICS
College of Martial Arts

Section 07:06 - INSTITUTE OF CADET STUDIES
Cadet Cardassian Orientation College, Cadet College of Borg Technology, Cadet College of History, Cadet College of Law, Cadet College of Security, Cadet Preparatory School, Cadet Romulan Orientation College, Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science, Cadet Vulcan Orientation College.
This institute introduces cadets to similar colleges as those attended by adult members

Section 07:07 - INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
College of Down Under.
This Institute introduces the student to Australia and New Zealand.

Section 07:08 – INSTITUTE OF INTELLIGENCE AND ESPIONAGE
College of Cryptography, College of Intelligence in Media, College of Intelligence in Sci-Fi, College of Intelligence Operations, College of Military Intelligence.
This Institute introduces the student to fictional intelligence and espionage as well as to real life intelligence and espionage they may or may not have known about.

Section 07:09 - INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP
Officers Training School, Flag Officer's School, Officers Command College, STARFLEET Leadership College, College of Recruiting, College of Accessibility.
The Colleges in this Institute are designed to inform the student how STARFLEET International works and to prepare the student to become an effective officer in STARFLEET

Section 07:10 – INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES
College of Security, College of Starship Operations, College of Strategy and Tactics, College of Survival Studies, Marine Unit Readiness Program, Vessel Readiness Certification Program.
This Institute introduces students to military studies within the Star Trek universe and real life

Section 07:11 – INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

College of Archaeology & Anthropology, College of Computer History, College of Cyberspace, College of Engineering, College of Medicine, College of Temporal Physics, STARFLEET Officer's Radio School, Vulcan Academy of Science.
This Institute introduces students to various aspects of real life science and technology.

Section 07:12 – INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE FICTION STUDIES
College of the Fantasy Realm, College of the Macabre, College of Sci-Fi Cinema, College of Sci-Fi Television, College of Star Wars.
This Institute explores the world of science fiction outside of Star Trek. From classic science fiction that sparked our imaginations in the mid-Twentieth Century to things that go "bump" in the night.

Section 07:13 – INSTITUTE OF STAR TREK STUDIES
College of Federation Studies, College of Parallel Studies, College of Star Trek Chronology, College of Star Trek Literature, College of Treknology.
This institute is devoted to the one thing this organization was created for: Star Trek

o Change to read as;

Section 07:02 ACADEMY DEGREE PROGRAM
This Program awards Academy-level Associate, Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate degrees according to how many courses a member has taken and in which areas of study.

Section 07:03 INSTITUTE OF ARTS
This Institute focuses on the Social Sciences, both real life and Star Trek.

Section 07:04 INSTITUTE OF ALIEN STUDIES
This institute introduces students to the cultures, military, history, and languages of various species presented in the Star Trek universe.

Section 07:05 INSTITUTE OF CADET STUDIES
This institute introduces cadets to similar colleges as those attended by adult members.

Section 07:06 INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
This Institute introduces the student to countries outside of the United States.

Section 07:07 INSTITUTE OF INTELLIGENCE AND ESPIONAGE
This Institute introduces the student to fictional intelligence and espionage as well as to real life intelligence and espionage they may or may not have known about.

Section 07:08 INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP
The Colleges in this Institute are designed to inform the student how STARFLEET International works and to prepare the student to become an effective officer in STARFLEET.

Section 07:09 INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES
This Institute introduces students to military studies within the Star Trek universe and real life.

Section 07:10 INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
This Institute introduces students to various aspects of real life science and technology.

Section 07:11 INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE FICTION STUDIES

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Section 07:12 INSTITUTE OF STAR TREK STUDIES
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12. Appendix A – Common Abbreviations
    o Currently reads as:
        ▪ FDC   Fleet Division Chief
    o Change to read as:
        ▪ FRC   Fleet Resource Center

13. Appendix C – STARFLEET Rank and Grade Structure
    Specifically, the area that needs to be adjusted here is the Ground Forces ranks in the following manner:
    o Change abbreviation of Brigadier - BGR to BDR
    o Change abbreviation of Captain - MCPT to CPT
    o Add new WO ranks to Ground Forces side within the "Officers Ranks" (the below listed below "Second Lieutenant" in the following order):
        ▪ Chief Warrant Officer 5 - CWO5
        ▪ Chief Warrant Officer 4 - CWO4
        ▪ Chief Warrant Officer 3 - CWO3
        ▪ Chief Warrant Officer 2 - CWO2
        ▪ Warrant Officer 1 – WO
    o Change abbreviation of Sergeant Major - SMAJ to SGM
    o Add new rank to Ground Forces side under Sergeant Major: Master Gunnery Sergeant – MGSGT
    o Add new rank to Ground Forces side under First Sergeant: Master Sergeant – MSGT
    o Change abbreviation of Lance Corporal - LCP to LCPL