

**Vote on AB10-03: Change Section 02:05 and add Section 02:13
in the STARFLEET Membership Handbook**

Vote started March 24, 2010

Vote ended April 7, 2010

Text of resolution:

This motion was to adopt changes to the Membership Handbook, as outlined below, to Section 02:05 and add a new section, Section 02:13.

The motion was made by Region 9 (Jon Cording – Acting Region 9 Coordinator), and seconded by Region 13 (Joe Sare).

Report of the voting:

R01: Nay

R02: Aye

R03: Aye

R04: Aye

R05: Aye

R06: Aye

R07: Aye

R08: Aye

R09: Aye

R10: Aye

R11: Aye

R12: Aye

R13: Aye

R15: Aye

R17: Aye

By a vote of 14:01:00 this motion passes

Complete text of AB Resolution AB10-03: Change Section 02:05 and add Section 02:13 in the STARFLEET Membership Handbook

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Section 02:05 - MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As a member you are afforded certain rights of membership, contingent upon the fulfillment of your membership responsibilities. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, not required by law or unavailable as a part of a membership class, these rights are subject to change from time to time by a vote by the Admiralty Board and include, but are not limited to:

- * To vote in the triennial STARFLEET election.
- * To vote in any STARFLEET special elections.
- * To vote on any STARFLEET Corporate Documents.
- * To receive one membership packet, as defined in 2:03 above, and all of its contents for each primary contact for your membership (both new and renewing members).
- * To receive six issues of the Communiqué per year, for each primary membership.
- * To specify the type of membership desired (single or family) and the ability to change from one type of membership to another for any reason.
- * Access to due process and for all sides in an issue to be heard before any sanctions are issued.
- * To appeal all sanctions imposed pursuant to 2:13 below.
- * Ability to have access to notice of and information on and the ability to apply for any open position in STARFLEET or in your Region.
- * To voice your opinion at any level of STARFLEET.
- * To participate in the STARFLEET Academy.
- * To transfer from one chapter of STARFLEET to another, at any time, for any reason, as long as the other chapter agrees.
- * To participate in all Regional and International events, such as Summits and International Conferences.
- * To be considered for participation in any STARFLEET program, as long as the qualifications, if any, have been met.

Member's Responsibilities

To ascertain the membership rights, a member has certain responsibilities that must be met. Every member has a responsibility to adhere to a set of standards of behavior and conduct, which include but are not limited to:

- * To behave in a manner that brings credit to STARFLEET, their Region, their chapter, and themselves;
- * To be resolute in the performance of my duty and comply with STARFLEET's Articles of Incorporation, Constitution/Bylaws, Membership Handbook, other various handbooks, Electronic Mailing List Rules, Summit/Conference rules, meeting rules, etc;

- * To strive for impartiality and fairness in judgment and disqualify themselves from decisions where their judgment may be compromised;
- * To show courtesy to fellow members at all times;
- * To seek out both sides of a dispute and act upon fact, not innuendo;
- * To renew their membership in a timely manner before it expires.

Failure to uphold the Member's Responsibilities, as outlined above could result in disciplinary action in accordance with the guidelines laid out in Section 02:13 below.

In addition to the above listed Member Responsibilities, the following are an additional list of goals which a member should strive towards - these are guidelines only and are not enforceable as member responsibilities or a code of conduct:

- * To praise in public and critique in private;
- * To never assume, but always verify;
- * To be the first to praise and the last to criticize;
- * To not willfully cause negative or unproductive confrontations;
- * To strive to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

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Proposed Section 02:13

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Section 02:13 – DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND POSSIBLE SANCTIONS

As a member, if you have a complaint for a criminal act committed against you by another member of STARFLEET that took place during a STARFLEET or Regional event and you have filed a complaint with the appropriate authorities; if you have filed a complaint for violations of the Member Responsibilities listed in 2:05 and is not resolved through the chain of command on your chapter or through your regional system; or the Admiralty Board has voted to cancel your Membership pursuant to Section 02:10, the following process will apply:

1. Filing a Complaint: The Complainant Member needs to file their complaint with the Commander, STARFLEET. All supporting documentation and information should be included when filing the complaint. The Commander, STARFLEET will review the complaint and determine if it has merit and should be investigated.

For complaints under Section 2:05, if the Commander, STARFLEET finds that there is insufficient information or evidence or doesn't believe an investigation is warranted, the Commander, STARFLEET will send an E-Mail or letter to the Complainant Member advising that no investigation will be done, but give them 30 days to send in more information if they wish to make one final request for an investigation.

2. Processing the Complaint: The complaint will be sent by the Commander, STARFLEET to the Inspector General to review the matter, record the parties involved,

assign a number for tracking, and begin the investigation pursuant to the Inspector General, STARFLEET's Handbook. The investigation should be done as quickly as possible to ensure timeliness.

3. Reporting: After the investigation is complete, the Inspector General will submit a report to the Commander, STARFLEET, AB, and to all Members involved in the complaint. The report will include a list of the grievances raised and sections of the STARFLEET Rules and Regulations that are in violation, and will be sent via E-Mail or certified mail to the Accused Member who is at the address listed in the membership records.

4. Response: The Accused Member shall be given thirty (30) days to respond via E-Mail or certified mail to the IG. The Accused Member has the right to request one extension of thirty (30) additional days, from the IG, to prepare their response.

5. The Decision: After receipt of the Accused Member's response or expiration of the response term, the Commander, STARFLEET shall submit the Complaint and any evidence immediately to the AB for review and a decision. The AB decides by majority vote if the grievances are valid.

6. Sanctions: If the Complaint is found to be valid, the AB may apply one or more of the following sanctions:

- a. The Accused Member may be issued a written warning, provided to them by their Regional Coordinator;
- b. The Accused Member may be recommended to the EC for reduction in rank;
- c. The Accused Member may be expelled from the organization;
- d. The Accused Member may be sued in a civil proceeding or filed charges against them in a criminal court of appropriate jurisdiction;
- e. Any other sanction as determined by the AB.

7. Notification: The Accused Member will be notified of the decision and the imposed sanction by E-Mail or mail by the Commander, STARFLEET or their duly appointed representative.

8. Appeal: The Accused Member has the right to appeal. The appeal must be lodged with the Inspector General and the Commander, STARFLEET via E-Mail or via certified mail within thirty (30) days of the date of the E-Mail sent notifying them of the decision and sanctions or of the date of receipt of the decision letter if sent via certified mail.

In the event that the complaint is in regards to the Commander, STARFLEET, the Vice Commander, STARFLEET shall fulfill all of the duties where the Commander, STARFLEET is listed in the process above.

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