

The QPIRG Concordia Board of Directors would like to propose a change to Article 4 of the constitution, to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on October 7th 2010.

Article 4: Membership currently reads:

- A. There shall be the following classes of members:
 - 1. Student members
 - 2. Associate members

- B. Eligibility
 - 1. Student membership is available through, and begins upon payment of fees to QPIRG Concordia.
 - 2. Anyone who is not a student member is eligible for associate membership. Associate membership is available through either the completion of ten (10) or more volunteer hours for QPIRG Concordia within twelve (12) months or payment of an equivalent of the current student fee levy of three credits per semester. Membership fees or volunteer hours must be completed prior to the Annual General Meeting.
 - 3. A member who receives a fee refund ceases to be a member of QPIRG Concordia.

- C. Rights of Members
 - 1. All members shall have voting privileges in elections and general meetings of QPIRG Concordia. All student members and only student members shall have voting privileges in referenda of QPIRG Concordia.
 - 2. All members shall be eligible to sit as Board members.
 - 3. All members shall be entitled to participate fully in meetings and other activities, and benefit from the services of QPIRG Concordia
 - 4. Every document of QPIRG Concordia shall be open to inspection by any member upon reasonable request, except for minutes of Board meetings held in closed session.

- D. Fees
 - 1. Student members shall pay their fees with their school registration. The nature of this fee cannot be changed except by way of a referendum held in accordance with this constitution.
 - 2. The Associate members' fee shall be payment of an equivalent current student fee levy of three credits per semester or ten (10) or more volunteer hours for QPIRG Concordia within twelve (12) months.
 - 3. QPIRG Concordia shall administer its own fee refunds in accordance with this constitution.

4. Student member fees will only be refunded after the fees have been received by QPIRG Concordia from Concordia University. In order to receive their refund, students shall come in person to the QPIRG Concordia office with student ID and student account record, within the refund period established by QPIRG Concordia. The refund period shall run for at least five (5) class days.
5. Notice of the refund period shall be given by QPIRG Concordia at least one week before the refund period begins, by:
 - a. a notice in a publication of QPIRG Concordia, where such publication exists, and in a student publication available to all members of Campus, and
 - b. a notice conspicuously posted in the QPIRG Concordia office and in conspicuous places in all major buildings of the university.

In Article 4, Section B., Subsection 2, the board of directors would like to change this subsection to read:

Anyone who is not a student member is eligible for associate membership. Associate membership is available through either the completion of ten (10) or more volunteer hours for QPIRG Concordia within twelve (12) months or payment of an annual membership fee of ten (10) dollars. Membership fees or volunteer hours must be completed prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The rationale behind this change is to ensure that associate member fees are more on par with the average annual fees paid by student members enrolled in full-time studies at Concordia.

Please get in touch if you have any questions about this proposed change or would like a complete copy of our current constitution.