Conformance to Bylaws

All chapters must abide by AFP’s bylaws. Although each chapter has its own set of standardized governing bylaws, there are certain stipulations in AFP’s bylaws to which all AFP chapters must conform. These include the categories of association with AFP which establish the parameters for individual relationships with AFP at both the association and local level. Individuals must be members of AFP in order to belong to a chapter. Below are the current approved categories:

Categories of Association with the Association of Fundraising Professionals:

1. **Professional Member**: Open to persons who have had at least one (1) year of experience at the time of application as fundraising professionals, are self-employed or associated with an organization, institution or firm and are compensated for his/her services. Professional members hold some degree of responsibility directly for fundraising; subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards (“Code”) and its bylaws; promote the Donor Bill of Rights and, are employed or have been employed by an institution or organization that provides benefits to society. Dues: $280.00 + chapter dues

2. **Retired Member**. Retired membership is open to persons who no longer practice as paid professionals in the field but have been active members for the immediate past five (5) consecutive years, and who subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards and promote the Donor Bill of Rights. Dues: $75.00 + chapter dues

3. **Young Professional Member**. Open to persons age 30 and younger. All must subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards and its bylaws and promote the Donor Bill of Rights. Membership in this category is limited to a two-year duration. Dues: $75.00 (includes $25 in chapter dues)

4. **Associate**. May be extended to persons who are engaged in fields related to fundraising, volunteers, or those who have mutual interests with fundraising professionals, and who subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards and its bylaws; and promote the Donor Bill of Rights. Dues: $220.00 + chapter dues

5. **Collegiate**: Open to students in a two- or four-year full time degree-granting, certificate, or diploma program at an accredited college or university, or those who serve as a faculty advisor for a collegiate chapter of AFP. All must subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards and its bylaws and promote the Donor Bill of Rights. Membership in this category is limited to those students affiliated with a Collegiate Chapter of AFP. If interested in membership in this category, please see separate membership application. Dues: $35.00 + collegiate chapter dues

6. **Business**: Two options of business membership for for-profit companies that work with the fundraising profession. The first level, Executive Circle, allows the corporation to designate 2 employees to receive Associate Member benefits that would be the
members of the organization. The second level, Endorsers allows the corporation to designate 1 employee to receive Associate Member benefits that would be the members of the organization. These members, as well as the business, must subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards and promote the Donor Bill of Rights to donors. If interested in membership in this category, please see separate membership application. Dues: $5,000 for the Executive Circle and $1,500 for the Endorsers.

7. Small Nonprofit Organizational Membership: Available to any individually incorporated organization (or otherwise organized as a separate entity within the laws of your country) with a budget less than $1,000,000 and having fewer than two full-time equivalent fundraisers. Qualified organizations cannot be affiliated with a larger institution supporting its operations. Dues: $150 (includes $50 chapter dues)

8. Large Organization Membership: Available to organizations interested in eight or more memberships. The Organization must subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards to promote the Donor Bill of Rights to all donors. The organization Board of Directors must endorse the use of the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards, and membership is offered to the individually incorporated entity. Dues are tiered according to number of memberships.

9. Global e-membership: Open to persons living and working outside the U.S. and Canada who wish to join in an electronic-only based membership category. All must subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards and its bylaws and promote the Donor Bill of Rights. Dues: $50.00 USD + chapter dues.

As Chapter President, I am confirming that the __________________________ Chapter operates within AFP’s bylaws, (as amended at the July 2013 Board of Directors Meeting) including limiting association of individuals to the above-mentioned approved categories.

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Signature (Chapter President - electronic signature acceptable)  Date