

Keweenaw Green Burial Alliance
Goal Policy 01: Membership Development

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The Keweenaw Green Burial Alliance (KGBA) hereby adopts the following membership policy to establish a general membership for the organization and to specify all criteria, benefits, and responsibilities of membership.

As specified in our bylaws, our membership structure must establish at minimum the following items:

1. Membership qualifications, if any
2. Membership dues and responsibilities, if any
3. Membership privileges and benefits, if any
4. Membership voting privileges, if any

Those items are specified below, followed by additional membership criteria.

1. Membership Qualifications

- Members shall demonstrate good faith support for green/natural burial practices and the activities of the Alliance.

2. Membership Dues and Responsibilities

- No dues are required for membership.
- Members shall confirm their membership and contact information periodically upon request (no more than once per year).

3. Membership Privileges and Benefits

- A stronger Alliance to support and advocate for local green/natural burial options.
- A voice in the work of the Alliance, including input toward KGBA positions on how green/natural burial options might be best defined for our local community.
- Opportunities for networking with other members for help with burial planning, actual burials, and related concerns or projects.
- The right to full participation on Board committees.
- The right to attend Board of Directors business meetings (including, with two weeks prior notice, the right to request an agenda slot to address the Board or make a presentation).
- Email updates on local green burial developments.
- Access to all benefits also provided to the general public, such as periodic membership programs, web resources, and general assistance.

Membership Voting Privileges

- At this time, members are not granted voting rights within the organization. However, members who are serving on a Board Committee do have the right to vote on committee business, subject to how that committee determines its own decision making process.

5. Revocation of Membership

- Should the Board of Directors determine that a member has failed to demonstrate good faith support for green/natural burial practices and/or the activities of the Alliance, his/her membership may be revoked by a majority vote of the Board.
- Should any member fail to confirm his/her intention to continue membership after a reasonable number of contact attempts, he/she may be removed from the membership roll.

6. Additional Criteria

- All members of the Board of Directors must maintain active membership.
- All members serving on a Board Committee must maintain active membership.