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Board of Directors, Membership Committee

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I have spoken to Terri Lareau concerning the decline of her membership transfer from Mark Connelly and I believe that the organization has made a serious mistake which needs to be rectified.

The crux of this error is the decision that Mark was a single member and not a family member, however the definition of what type of member is not what is listed in the directory, *but rather the circumstances of the relationship*. According to the constitution, there are only *three types of membership*:

- Active: Dues paying members in good standing.
- Life: Non dues paying members in good standing.
- Honorary: Non dues paying members who have been elected by the membership to enjoy the privileges of the Club for a period of one year.¹

In addition, an ACTIVE member is defined in Section 4 as:

Section 4. Active membership includes individuals or families. Family is defined as two individuals living at the same address in a marriage or marital-type relationship.

¹ Article XI Section 2



Clearly Terri and Mark, engaged to be married and sharing a domicile **meet the definition of a Family according to the constitution** , regardless of how Mark was **originally listed**. Obviously circumstances change over a person's life, and those changes generally do not get reflected in our directory, which is not the final arbiter of status, however as per Article XI section 2, there is only one **TYPE** of member: **ACTIVE**, and Mark (and his family unit) was that type of member.

Clearly I believe this decision was in error, regardless of who reviewed it, and I urge the board to move Terri to the top of the membership list for 2020.

Sincerely



Past Commodore Dan Gingras

