



## **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**(07/01/09 Revision)**

#### **Life Member Category**

The life member is a member who has paid for a life membership (single/joint) in full or through the installment plan. All individuals granted Life Membership are guaranteed the full benefits of active membership in the Alumni Association during their lifetime.

#### **Responsibilities of the Life Member**

The life member agrees to adhere to the lifetime membership policies implemented by the University of Maryland Alumni Association. The life member is responsible for the safekeeping of their life membership card. It is the responsibility of the life member to inform the University of Maryland Alumni Association of biographical updates, in the event of a lost/stolen membership card, and of how their name should appear on the *Eric S. & Frann G. Francis Lifetime Member Wall* engraving.

#### **Tax-deductible Contribution of the Life Membership Dues**

The life membership dues are 100% tax-deductible. The University of Maryland Alumni Association reserves the right to provide a receipt to the life member for the tax-deductible contribution.

#### **Installment Plan Policy**

The life member agrees to pay each year the installment payment in full on the anniversary month for which the life membership begins. The University of Maryland Alumni Association has the right to discontinue the life membership and associated benefits until payment is received. If payments discontinue prior to full payment and collection efforts fail, the life membership will be placed in a delinquent status and all benefits will be discontinued. If payments continue at a later date, the membership will be reactivated, including benefits, and the life member will receive credit for the prior payments.

Upon final payment, the life member will automatically be engraved on the *Eric S. & Frann G. Francis Lifetime Member Wall*, unless the life member informs the Alumni Association otherwise. The life member understands that his/her name will not be engraved on the *Eric S. & Frann G. Francis Lifetime Member Wall* until the life membership is paid in full. The life member's name will be engraved beneath the year of inception for which the final installment payment was made.

### **Full Plan Policy**

The life member who is paid in full will automatically be engraved on the *Eric S. & Frann G. Francis Lifetime Member Wall*, unless the life member informs the Alumni Association otherwise.

### **Refunds**

The University of Maryland Alumni Association reserves the right to deny a refund for any membership category.

### **Non-Transferable Membership (Deceased, Divorced, Remarried)**

All University of Maryland Alumni Association memberships are not transferable to any other person(s). The sole proprietor(s) of a life membership does not have authorization to grant ownership of his/her said life membership to any other person(s). The University of Maryland Alumni Association reserves the right to deny all requests to transfer ownership of any membership category.

#### ***Deceased Life Members***

When a life member is deceased, the associated life membership is classified as expired. The deceased life member remains as the sole proprietor of the life membership. Under a Joint Life Membership category, the life membership remains active for the surviving joint membership holder. When both life members of a Joint Life Membership become deceased, the associated joint life membership is classified as expired. The deceased life members remain as the sole proprietors of the Joint Life Membership.

#### ***Divorced Life Members***

When two life members associated with a Joint Life Membership divorce, only upon request will the Joint Life Membership be split into two Single Life Memberships still maintaining the original start date. Both life members remain as the sole proprietors of the original joint life membership and their new individual Single Life Membership.

#### ***Remarried Life Members***

When a life member from a previous Joint Life Membership re-marries, the Joint Life Membership from the previous marriage is split into two Single Life Memberships still maintaining the original start date. The new spouse is then eligible to receive a life membership at the “added spouse” rate – currently \$100. The Single Life Membership previously created will be inactivated and a new Joint Life Membership will be created to add the new spouse with a new current start date for both life members. The original life member and newly added spouse then become the sole proprietors of the new Joint Life Membership. The former spouse maintains sole proprietorship of their individual single life membership that resulted out of the joint life split.

### **Membership Category Change**

The University of Maryland Alumni Association reserves the right to deny a request to upgrade, downgrade, reverse, or modify a membership. A current life member may add a spouse to an existing membership at any time. In the event that a request is honored, the following guidelines will be adhered to.

***Single/Joint Annual Membership to Life Membership*** – a calculated pro-rated amount will be credited against the life membership option chosen by the current member if the remaining portion of the current annual membership exceeds 12 months. A category change

from an annual membership to a life membership can only be paid in full if a credit option is applied. The life membership installment plan option is not available to current annual members choosing to apply a credit to their new life membership. A current annual member may choose to pay for a life membership (full or installment plan) and receive a pro-rated refund for their current annual membership, rather than a credit against the life membership.

***Single Life Membership (Full Plan) to Joint Life Membership (Full Plan)*** – the current life member’s spouse may be added at the cost of the difference between the single life membership and the joint life membership – currently at a difference of \$100. The original Single Life Membership will be inactivated and a new Joint Life Membership will be created to add the new spouse with a new current start date for both life members. The added spouse’s life membership inception year cannot be retroactive and it will reflect as the year the difference was paid. This may affect name placement on the *Eric S. & Frann G. Francis Lifetime Member Wall*. \*The installment plan option is not available to (AAI/historic) life members adding a spouse on the new life membership program.

***Single Life Installment Plan to Joint Life Installment Plan*** – the current life member’s spouse may be added at the cost of the difference between the single life installment plan and the joint life installment plan. If the current life member has made installment payments, then the cost will include an additional \$30 for each year paid on the current single plan. The life member may chose to pay the remaining balance of the installment plan at the cost of the total installment plan amount. The full payment plan dues amount is not an option once agreeing to pay through the installment plan. The original Single Life Installment Plan will be inactivated and a new Joint Life Installment Plan will be created to add the new spouse with a new current start date for both life members. The added spouse’s life membership inception year cannot be retroactive and it will reflect as the year the difference was paid. This may affect name placement on the *Eric S. & Frann G. Francis Lifetime Member Wall*. \*The installment plan option is not available to (AAI/historic) life members adding a spouse on the new life membership program.

**SAMPLE:**

Single Installment Payment = \$210  
Joint Installment Payment = \$240  
Difference Single & Joint = \$30

Single Installment Plan Total/Payoff = 1050  
Joint Installment Plan Total/Payoff = 1200

\*An additional amount of \$30 will be added for each year an installment payment was made on a Single Life Installment Plan.

1<sup>st</sup> Installment = **\$210 single**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Installment = **\$210 single**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Installment = **\$300 joint upgrade** ( \$240 + \$30\*2 )  
4<sup>th</sup> Installment = **\$240 joint**  
5<sup>th</sup> Installment = **\$240 joint**