

Membership Requirements

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. **Washington CARES About Cancer Partnership membership** is open to any *organization* that meets the following requirements:
 - a. Be a legally operating entity within Washington State (e.g., non-profit organization, for-profit corporation, governmental agency) that is interested in working towards reducing the burden of cancer in Washington;
 - b. Endorse the vision, mission, roles, and values of the Partnership;
 - c. Agree to be identified as a Partnership member organization.
2. **Official representatives of member organizations** have the following rights and responsibilities:
 - a. Vote to elect Partnership Steering Committee members and vote to adopt or reject bylaw amendments;
 - b. Serve on the Steering Committee (if nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the members) or on other Partnership committees;
 - c. Communicate their organizations' viewpoints to the Partnership and inform their organizations of the Partnership decisions and activities.
 - d. Select an alternate representative to take the place of the official representative when needed.
3. **Additional interested representatives** have the following rights and responsibilities:
 - a. Participates in Partnership activities as an interested member from the organization.

INDEPENDENT MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. **Washington CARES About Cancer Partnership membership** is open to any *individual* who meets the following requirements:
 - a. Be an individual (e.g. advocate, cancer survivor, concerned citizen) who is interested in working towards reducing the burden of cancer in Washington;
 - b. Endorse the mission, vision, roles, and values of the Partnership;
 - c. Agree to be identified as an independent member of the Partnership.
2. **Independent members** have the following rights and responsibilities:
 - a. Vote to elect one Partnership Steering Committee member to represent independent members (independent members have one permanent seat on the Steering Committee);
 - b. Serve on the Steering Committee (if nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by independent members) or on other Partnership committees;
 - c. Represent their individual views to the Partnership.

ALL MEMBERS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All members of the Partnership, whether organizational or independent, have the following rights and responsibilities:

- a. Attend Partnership meetings regularly;
- b. Support efforts to implement and evaluate the goals, objectives, and strategies of the *Washington State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan*;
- c. Retain the right to resign from membership at any time.