



## **Membership Criteria**

**Extracted from NIRSC Rules & Regulations  
(as amended June 1999)**

### **7. Membership**

- 7.1 The subscribers to the Rules and Regulations and other such persons as the Committee shall admit to membership in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained shall be members of the Association.
- 7.2 There shall be three categories of membership of the Association, these being full personal members, affiliate members and honorary members.
- 7.3 Full personal membership, subject to the discretion of the Committee in all cases, shall be open to individuals employed in the day to day management of a shopping centre or individuals employed by organizations responsible for the development and management of shopping centres.
- 7.4 Affiliate membership, subject to the discretion of the Committee in all cases, shall be open to:
- 7.41 Individuals or individuals employed by organizations responsible for the refurbishment or being owners of shopping centres.
  - 7.42 Retailers with six or more outlets trading in shopping centres in Northern Ireland.
  - 7.43 Funding institutions having investment in shopping centres in Northern Ireland.
  - 7.44 Any business or individual engaged in a trade, profession or industry connected with the shopping centre business in Northern Ireland.
  - 7.45 Any office bearer of a traders' association located in a shopping centre in Northern Ireland.
  - 7.46 Any public or local authority having a shopping centre within its area of influence.
  - 7.47 Such other persons or organizations as may in the opinion of the Committee assist in promoting the objectives of the Association.
  - 7.48 The Committee shall have an absolute discretion to designate an affiliate member as a non-voting member.

7.5 The Committee shall be entitled to grant Honorary Membership of the Association to persons whom the Committee in its absolute discretion considers deserving of that distinction whether such persons are or have been members or not. An honorary member shall be entitled to receive notices and to attend all meetings of the Association other than a Committee Meeting unless otherwise invited to attend a Committee Meeting and to speak thereat but shall not be entitled to vote.

7.6 At the next meeting of the Committee after the receipt of any application for membership in writing sponsored by at least one existing member of the Association, such application shall be considered by the Committee who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant. In no case shall the Committee give any reason for the rejection of an applicant or its reasons for designating him within one of the categories of membership or for designating him as a non-voting affiliate member.

7.7 Any member whether full, affiliate or honorary shall in writing nominate an individual employed in the day to day management of a shopping centre or an individual employed by an organization responsible for the development and management of shopping centres to represent it at all meetings of the Association or the Committee and such nominee shall so represent such member until his/her nomination is withdrawn in writing.

7.8 Paid up members of the Association may describe themselves as full or affiliate members as the case may be.