

# VSC Membership Document

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## Membership

VSC membership is the body composed of volunteers and representatives from organizations who support the people of Venezuela and their Bolivarian Revolution.

Members shall be aligned with the mission of the Venezuela Solidarity Committee (VSC).

Members shall actively support and participate in the organization's events and programs, and promote its campaigns and fundraising efforts. Members are responsible for the programmatic and financial sustainability of the organization.

## Categories

**There are two categories of members, ACTIVE and SUPPORTING members.**

**Active** – Members, who are in good standing, participate regularly and are directly integrated in the organization's structure and subcommittees. Active members participate in decision-making processes in the organization. Active members participate in voting and elections of the organization's leadership.

**Supporting** – are people who contribute funding or other resources to the organization but cannot attend meeting. Supporting members have the right to express their opinions, ideas, views, or present proposals but cannot vote.

Individual Members can not use VSC's name for endorsement or sponsorship of activities, events, campaigns, elections, or any political organization. These function can be exercised by the CC or the general meeting.

Members shall not engage in physical or sexual harassment or threats or any form of discriminatory practice against other members. Members shall not engage in activities hostile or in violation to the mission goals or principles of VSC. Members shall not obstruct or disrupt the implementation of democratically determined policy of VSC. Members shall not participate in racist or perceived racist practices.

Active members, shall attend regular meetings, VSC events and participate in matters affecting the organization. Active members shall be considered in good standing if their dues are current (not in arrears more than one month), have not missed more than 3 consecutive regular meetings and are actively participating in at least one subcommittee of the organization.

## Dues

Members shall individually contribute suggested monthly membership dues of \$10 if employed, \$5 if a student and \$1 if unemployed.

## Meetings

*Regular General Meetings of Members* shall be convened at least every two months. Active members in good standing are eligible to vote on these meetings. A schedule of meeting will be setup and announced by the Coordinating Committee.

*Coordinating Committee* meetings shall be convened between each regular membership meeting as necessary.

*Sub-committees* should also meet regularly to carry out their tasks in between regular meetings. Sub-committees will report about their work at the general meeting.

### **Sub-committees**

Sub-committees are created according to the strategic needs of the organization. They will focus on specific matters or skills. Sub-committees are action groups that will in essence carry out the work of the organization. While their work will have to be aligned with the strategy of the organization, they will have the power to decide how to move forward. In case of doubts or discrepancies they can consult with the Coordinating Committee or with the general meeting. The current subcommittees and members are:

1. Events and membership committee.
2. Education and media committee.
3. Fundraising committee.

### **Annual Assembly**

An annual meeting will be convened each year to inform the membership and invited community guests of the year's finances, program achievements and challenges as well as decide on the coming year's goals. Members in good standing shall participate in the selection/election of members to the Coordinating Committee and have the right to vote. Any member in good standing may nominate another member or themselves to the Coordinating Committee.