Waves Association Working Group for Membership
4th Meeting report
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1: new members

The Working Group recommends Michael Sweeney and Christopher Rose as new Associate Members for Waves Association. The final decision needs to be done by board voting.

2: accepting influencers

The Working Group agreed on the need to actively attract influencers and media persons to Association members. We are waiting for them to fill the applications form to vote on their membership, but in general the idea to involve such people does really make sense.

3: splitting Associate and Full Membership

The Working Group proposes to split membership types: Associate Membership and Full Membership. The difference could be that only Full Members can join working groups. This would open the way to accept everyone as an Associate Member even if one isn't qualified enough to be a Full Member.

4: attracting Waves community to join Association

The Working Group proposes to start attracting people from the Waves community who use products in the ecosystem but may not know about Association and its advantages. WG proposes to do some posts in social media on behalf of Waves Association or its representatives with a link to applications form.

5: Association membership benefits

The Working Group agreed to clarify the benefits members can get from Membership. Three main factors that we can play on: networking, social status and decision making weight. The key element we could focus on in the short term is knowledge base. At the same time, we would like to collect the collective opinion on possible benefits from other Association members. Regarding the social status benefit, it was proposed to create on the official wavesassociation.org a page with the list of all approved members and details of the member. Optionally might be good even to offer a personalized email address: maybe a simple alias for associates and regular mailbox for full members.

6: knowledge base

The Working Group agreed that creating a knowledge base will help to attract new members and be helpful for networking in existing members' communities. WG agreed on a [basic concept](#) for it. The next step for adopting the knowledge base is to create a sheet and share it to Association members.

7: Proof-of-Holding for members voting

The Working Group agreed it would be useful to add a rule that Full Association members need to have at least 1000 WAVES or 1000 WCT at the moment of applying and when voting using DAO. This [Proof-of-Holding](#) rule can be used in addition to collecting fees. WG proposes this concept because it seems fair and easier to join for new members and will help to save the balance in the market. For working on a detailed proposal we need help from a legacy perspective.

8: students membership

The Working Group agreed there should be a separate rule for young people (under 18 y.o.) who want to join the Association. This can be implemented as a part of students membership. For this we need help from a legacy perspective.