

# *WEDDINGS OF SARASOTA*

## *POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS OF JAN 2010*

### *Full Membership: Max. 6 per category*

To apply for new membership, you first must attend one meeting as a guest sponsored by an existing member. Upon the Board of Director's approval after this attendance, the Membership Director will mail a membership application and invite potential new member to a second meeting. The completed application and all required documents must then be submitted along with a check for dues.

Dues are established by the Board of Directors and presented to the general membership at a meeting held during the first quarter of each year. A base fee will be set for a primary category. One additional category may be chosen as an option for an additional fee. Payments are due by 3/16 of the current year.

Payment for the fall bridal show is mandatory for members either as an "Exhibitor" or "Supporter." "Exhibitors" will have a booth and must contribute cash to the Grand Prize as determined by the Board. "Supporters" will have a reduced show fee and will not be present.

Failure to submit dues or show fees by due dates is cause for a monetary penalty fee or immediate termination from group. Refunds are not granted for any reason. (Refer to Member Responsibility Form for dates & detailed information.)

Members are required to attend a minimum of 5 meetings per year. (Evening "social events" shall count as an official attendance meeting.) Non-compliance is grounds for immediate termination.

Full members may be listed in our brochure and website within their own category(s). Full member websites may be linked to [www.weddingsofsarasota.com](http://www.weddingsofsarasota.com)

Hosting/breakfast fees are mandatory each month for members and guests.

To serve on the Board, you must be a member in good standing for a minimum of one year. To serve as an Officer, you must have been a board member for at least one year.

### *Associate Membership: Max. 4 per category*

To apply for new membership, you first must attend one meeting as a guest sponsored by an existing member. Upon the Board of Director's approval after this attendance, the Membership Director will mail a membership application and invite potential new member to a second meeting. The completed application and all required documents must then be submitted along with a check for dues.

Dues for an associate member will be less than full membership. One additional category may be chosen for an additional fee. If a category becomes available for full membership, the offer to fill the slot will be presented on a seniority basis. The choice may be made by that vendor to fill the slot and pay the difference in dues, or remain as an associate member.

Bridal show participation is mandatory as a "supporter" and will include a financial investment. Request to actively participate will be considered if space is available.

Failure to submit dues or show fees by due dates is cause for a monetary penalty fee or immediate termination from group. Refunds are not granted for any reason. (Refer to Member Responsibility Form for dates & detailed information.)

Members are required to attend a minimum of 5 meetings per year. (Evening "social events" shall count as an official attendance meeting.) Non-compliance is grounds for immediate termination.

Associate members may be listed in our brochure and website below listed full members. Only the business name and e-mail address may appear. The listing must be identical in both locations. Links to the WOS website are not allowed.

Hosting/breakfast fees are mandatory each month for members and guests.

Associate members have no voting privileges nor may they serve on the Board.

