



Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America

Chapter Membership Policy

Applicants for Membership shall:

- ✓ **Follow the Prospective Members Procedures and Policy found in the *Membership Application Process***
- ✓ **Complete the application for membership and attend a Membership Orientation session**
- ✓ **Signup to serve and participate on a committee**
- ✓ **A criminal background check and Sex Offender Registry check will be completed** prior to board approval. Membership may be denied based on the criteria contained in the SuffolkNansemond Chapter's Criminal Background Screening Criteria for Exclusion.
- ✓ After completing all steps in the Membership Application Process the Membership Chair will bring the application to the Board for approval
- ✓ *Upon approval the applicant will submit their dues and initiation fee to the membership chair.*
- ✓ The applicant will be sworn in at the monthly dinner meeting.

Active Member-in-good-standing:

- ✓ **Dues are maintained current:** dues are payable by December 31st prior to the new calendar year. Dues paid after the first meeting of the new year will incur a \$20 late fee.
- ✓ **Abide by IWLA Rules and Principles.**
- ✓ **Comply with the Chapter's By-Laws and participate in Chapter activities.**
- ✓ **Participates through the year in several Chapter functions such as:**
 1. Park work directed by the Park Committee.
 2. Work related efforts to support various fund raising initiatives orchestrated by the Chapter.
 3. Work related efforts to support various outreach programs established by the Chapter or the standing committee(s) to which you have volunteered or been assigned.
- ✓ **Abide by the Membership Participation Policy** that requires a minimum of 8 hours of service to the Suffolk Nansemond Chapter of the IWLA.
- ✓ All active members upon renewing their annual membership to the SN-IWLA will have their **name searched for on the Sex Offender Registry**. An Ika's membership will be cancelled if their name appears on the SOR per the Chapter Background Screening Criteria.

The Chapter web site maintains a calendar of events that is updated monthly following the general Chapter dinner meeting. Members are expected to use this resource and regular meeting attendance to maintain awareness of Chapter events.

All members are encouraged to meet the standards established for an active-member-in-good standing. The Board shall review chapter membership each year prior to dues renewal.