



SATHYA SAI BABA CENTRAL COUNCIL OF MALAYSIA

FLOW CHART AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS WITH REGARDS TO ACTIVE/ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/PLEDGE FORMS

Step 1:

Active/Associate Membership Application Forms are to be made available at the new comer's section throughout the year. The Chairman/Secretary shall explain eligibility for membership and the purpose of pledge forms to devotees and members. New comers and devotees who are neither Active nor Associate members are encouraged to apply for membership.

Step 2:

Active and Associate members shall complete and submit the Annual Pledge Forms during the months of January and February of each year.

Centre Chairman/Secretary to advise all existing members to complete the pledge forms and to explain that members who do not fill up the forms would be considered as devotees only. Only Active members would be eligible to participate in the general meeting and vote thereat.

Step 3:

A summary of Active and Associate members (based on pledge forms received in January and February) is to be placed at the Centre notice board (by the 3rd of March of each year) for verification by members.

Step 4:

Verification by members shall be closed by the 15th of March of each year.

Step 5:

Centre Secretary shall submit the finalised summary (which shall include any late entries due to verification exercise) of Active and Associate members to the Central Council Secretariat by the 31st of March of each year.

Particulars of the Active and Associate members who had failed to submit the pledge forms shall be submitted to the President via the Secretariat by the 31st of March of each year for regrading the status of membership.

Note:

The Centre Chairman is required to conduct the operations of the Centre with love and law as well. The Chairman shall observe the activities of the Active members and shall lovingly encourage those who fall short of the 4 hours requirements to actively participate in the activities of the Centre.

The Chairman shall do his/her very best to elect/select the most suitable Active members to serve the Centre in both the legal and spiritual positions.



Frequently Asked Questions

How should a Centre Chairman respond when a devotee says that he is an Active member but does service on his own?

Firstly, the Centre Chairman must ensure that there are sufficient service opportunities for the devotees of the Centre. A variety of service opportunities must be made available to allow devotees to choose from those that they are comfortable with. Schedules must also cater for those who are free on either weekdays or weekends.

Secondly, the devotee concerned should be requested to introduce the service undertaken, to the Centre to allow the other devotees to participate in the said service activity, thus converting it into a Centre activity. Working in harmony and love with others would give the devotee an opportunity for transformation and shedding of ego.

How should a Centre Chairman respond when a devotee says that he is an Active member but does service with other organisations?

The devotee should be reminded of item 4 of the 9 Point Code of Conduct which states as follows:

Participation in community work and other programmes of the *Society/Centre.

Note:* Society refers to Sathya Sai Baba Central Council of Malaysia

Although we are aware, *THAT EVERYTHING IS SWAMI, THAT WE SHOULD EXPAND IN OUR THOUGHTS AND THAT THE SAI MOVEMENT SHOULD BE WILLING TO ENCOMPASS SERVICE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT EVERYWHERE*, for Centre administrative purposes, doing service on an individual basis with other organisations should not be considered as part of the 4 hours community service.

However, the Centre should not stop the devotee from working with others. An exemplary devotee of Swami will certainly create curiosity in others, which will result in those with whom he is working to come to his Sai Baba Centre.

Should a Centre Chairman monitor and record the number of hours of community service performed by Active members?

The Chairman should encourage devotees to fulfil their pledge to SAI. The Pledge made by Active/Associate members to Swami is as follows:

"I hereby pledge to SAI that I will continue to be an Active/Associate Member of the Centre and volunteer to serve the required number of hours for community service and organisational work of the Centre".

The Centre Chairman should remind the members of the PLEDGE that they made to SAI and lovingly request them to fulfil that PLEDGE, in their own interests and for spiritual upliftment.