**The Association of St John Members Cymru (ASJMC)**

1. ***AIMS***

Founded in 2020, The Association of St. John Members Cymru allows members of St. John Ambulance Cymru to “retire” gracefully from frontline operational commitments but to remain within the St. John Family, providing functional support in other areas/ aspects within the organisation. The duties include but are not limited to; fundraising, public relations, recruitment and retention, welfare and support at events either National, County or Divisional Levels, presentations, award ceremonies and VIP events. Members of the association will be proactive within their Regional Association Groups to promote the exceptional work of the Association and the charity as a whole.

1. ***POWERS AND DUTIES***

The Deputy Chief Volunteer - they will oversee the running of the Association. He/ She will make any final decisions in conjunction with the National President and Regional Presidents.

The National President- will be in overcall charge of the Association. He / She will proactively lead, manage and direct the Association Pan Wales and will work closely alongside the Deputy Chief Volunteer. He/ She will make all necessary decisions at National level in liaison with the DCV.

The Regional Presidents - will be in charge and responsible for the Association Group within their prospective region. He / She will proactively lead, manage and direct the Association within their Region and work closely alongside the National President and Deputy Chief Volunteer. He/ She will make all necessary decisions at their Regional level in liaison with the National President.

1. ***MEMBERSHIP***
2. Membership of the group shall be open to anyone over the age of 18 and who have served a minimum of five years continued service within St. John Ambulance Cymru. Individuals must be proactive, fully interested and invested in helping to promote and advance The Association to achieve its aims; along with the willingness to abide by the rules of The Association and be willing to pay any subscription agreed by the Trustee Board.
3. Membership shall be available to anyone without regard to gender, race, nationality, disability, sexual preference, religion or belief.
4. Members of St. John Ambulance Cymru must meet the essential criteria to be accepted within The Association. (Current DBS in place and complete a 2 hour Online Safeguarding Course)
5. Members of the Association must hold a minimum of Basic First Aid (BFA). It is at the discretion of the individual member if they wish to hold high first aid status.
6. ***MANAGEMENT/STRUCTURE***

* The Association will be managed by the Deputy Chief Volunteer, National President and Regional Presidents.
* Those above shall meet at least bi-monthly to discuss any matters. Regional Presidents will meet with their respective members monthly.

**LOCALITY**

* **National President – Wales.**
* **Regional Chairperson – South and East Wales** (Counties of Gwent, Mid Glamorgan and Cardiff & Vale).
* **Regional Chairperson – Mid and West Wales** (Counties of Dyfed, West Glamorgan and Powys).
* **Regional Chairperson – North Wales.**

1. ***FINANCE***

National Headquarters shall fund The Association and all finance will be approved by the National President but signed off by the Deputy Chief Volunteer.

1. ***MEETINGS***

A - The Association shall hold one Annual General Meeting in the month of June.

B - All members shall be given at least fourteen days’ notice of the Annual General Meeting and shall be entitled to attend in person or virtually, and vote.

C- The business of the Annual General Meeting shall include all necessary matters, changes, implementations or promotions of or within the Association.

D – Members of The Association can remain with a Division, attend meetings and participate in all activities training/CPD sessions and social events.

1. ***PUBLIC DUTIES***

Members of The Association may undertake first aid duties within their remit of training status (BFA/IFA etc).

1. ***UNIFORM/RANK***

The Association of St. John Members Cymru may wear civilian clothes with the designated badge instead of their uniform. If wearing an adult ceremonial uniform, a new honouree rank will be issued to these members & White Gorget Patches.

**ADULT CEREMONIAL DRESS (NUMBER ONE DRESS)**

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| This uniform can be worn by Members of the Association, Adult ceremonial dress is only to be worn for the following events:   * Inspections * Investitures * Presentations * Church parades * Similar formal ceremonial events | |  | |
| |  | | --- | | Volunteers, Staff, County / Divisional Presidents and Association of St. John Members Cymru | | |  | |
| * Association of St. John Members Cymru * Members * Regional Chairpersons * National Lead | |  | | --- | | Gorget patch of white ribbon edged black 3mm and small button at top. | | |  |

**SERVICE DELIVERY UNIFORM**

Any members’ of The Association undertaking public duties must wear the service delivery uniform – please refer to the current Uniform policy for details. This can be found on the Download section of the Members website

**MEMBER RANK SLIDES (DRAGONS) MUST BE WORN WHEN AN EVENT COMMAND STRUCTURE IS IN PLACE**

**POLO SHIRT**

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| Members can, where available, wear “Branded SJAC clothing”. This not only aligns their allegiance to the charity but also reinforces the brand.  Further information is available within the current Uniform policy |  |

***RANK***

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| **Honorary**  National President |  |
| **Honorary**  The Association Regional Chairs’  The Association County Coordinator  The Association Member |  |
| Where members are engaged in operational voluntary duties for SJAC, their staff rank must not be worn. Welsh dragon / members slides should be worn instead. |  |