



## EXHIBIT I TO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### SUMMARY OF TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

**Institutional Member.** Reserved for “organizations” substantially engaged in the collection, delivery, or use of coastal and/or ocean observing data or information. For this purpose, “organization” means: (i) a business entity, firm, or corporation (other than a sole proprietorship) which has been in business for a minimum of one (1) year; (ii) an academic institution; (iii) a federal, state, regional, or local government entity; (iv) a non-profit corporation or entity that has been in existence for a minimum of one (1) year; or (v) a legally-sanctioned association, council, or consortium that has been in existence for a minimum of one (1) year. Such “organizations” shall appoint and designate an individual to represent and act on its behalf on any and all matters related to CARICOOS.

- Full Membership Voting Rights.
- Eligibility for nomination and election to the Institutional and At-Large Board of Directors seats.

**Individual Members.** Any individual engaged in the collection, delivery or use of coastal and/or ocean observing data or information. Individual membership allows for CARICOOS participation by individuals operating as sole proprietorships and individuals who are unable to act on behalf of, or represent their full “organization”.

- Full Membership Voting Rights.
- Eligibility for nomination and election to the At-Large Board of Directors seats.

**Affiliate Member.** Any “organization” that would otherwise qualify as an Institutional Member but whose ability to officially join CARICOOS is constrained in some way.

- Do not have voting rights.
- May be eligible for nomination and election by the Board of Directors to serve as a non-voting, exofficio member.

All members of CARICOOS, including Affiliated Members, shall have the right to attend open meetings of CARICOOS and may contribute and participate in discussions relating to the activities, plans, and organization of CARICOOS.