



Pennsylvania School Librarians Association

Administrative Policies

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP - CLASSIFICATION POLICY

There shall be three types of membership available in the Association for those who are in agreement with the objectives of the Association:

I. Active membership:

- Pennsylvania practicing school librarians (school geographic location)
- Retired school librarians
- Teachers, directors, or supervisors in the field of school library media services

This category affords the member an active voice with all voting privileges in the Association, receipt of all publications, as well as the opportunity to serve the Association in leadership capacities.

All Pennsylvania practicing school librarians seeking membership fall under the “Active” membership category.

II. Associate membership:

- Students enrolled in a full-time undergraduate school library program
- Retired school librarians
- Public, Academic and Special librarians
- Paraprofessionals
- Individuals not actively involved in the school library media field
- Individuals and/or organizations actively promoting education or libraries throughout Pennsylvania
- Out-of-State school librarians (school geographic location)

This membership type does not include the opportunity to serve the Association in leadership capacities.

This category will include a subscription to only online publications and will not include voting privileges.

III. Honorary membership (lifetime members):

- Individuals designated by the Board who have served the profession with distinction
- Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award (formerly Outstanding Contributor Award)

Honorary membership privileges for life shall be that of the recipient’s membership status at the time of the award.

(Adopted, Board of Directors, September 25, 1999)

(Amended, Board of Directors, April 28, 2011; January 14, 2017; January 20, 2018; January 25, 2018; February 4, 2018; October 6, 2018)

MEMBERSHIP - CLASSIFICATION DETERMINATION

The membership classification shall be determined by the status of the member when annual dues are paid.

The membership classification status will be revised immediately upon change in membership category eligibility. Any difference in dues as a result of the change in category will not take effect until the following membership cycle.

(Adopted, Board of directors meeting, Feb. 24, 1979)

(Amended, Board of Directors, Jan.27, 1990; Jan.14, 2017)

MEMBERSHIP – DUES STRUCTURE

- Active member -- \$60
- Active / first-time member -- \$60 (full year plus an extra three month one-time extension)
- Associate member -- \$30
- Associate / student member -- \$20

(Adopted, Board of Directors Meeting, April 28, 2011)

(Amended, Board of Directors, January 20, 2018; February 4, 2018)

MEMBERSHIP – DUES, YEAR

The PSLA membership year shall be one year from the date of joining or renewing membership. Members with current memberships will be eligible for membership rates at the Annual PSLA Conference upon payment of dues regardless of payment date.

(Adopted, Board of Directors Meeting, February 4, 1996)

(Amended, Board of Directors Meeting, January 23, 1999; February 14, 2009; January 29, 2011, to be effective July 1, 2011)

MEMBERSHIP - FILE SHARING

No membership files or records shall be circulated outside the Association, without the permission of the Board.

Membership files or records shall not be circulated to for-profit organizations.

(Adopted, Board of Directors Meeting, April 2, 1975)

(Amended, Board of Directors Meeting, January 27, 1990; April 28, 2011)