

Membership

Membership Classification

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

Note: moved descriptors to top of membership type

I. Active Membership

The “Active” membership type 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.

- A. Pennsylvania practicing school librarians (school geographic location)
- B. Retired school librarians
- C. Educators, directors, or supervisors of school librarians

II. Associate Membership

The “Associate” membership type does not include the opportunity to serve the Association in leadership capacities. This membership includes receipt of online publications only and does not include voting privileges.

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

III. Honorary Membership (Lifetime Members)

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

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

Adopted, Board of Directors, September 25, 1999

Amended, April 28, 2011; January 14, 2017; January 20, 2018; January 25, 2018; February 4, 2018; October 6, 2018; January 5, 2019; June 15, 2020

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, January.27, 1990; January14, 2017

Membership – Dues Structure

- A. Active member -- \$60
- B. Active - first-time member -- \$60 (full year plus an extra three-month one-time extension)
- C. Associate member -- \$30

- D. Associate student member -- \$20 (enrolled in a full-time undergraduate school library program and is not a practicing librarian)

Adopted, Board of Directors, April 28, 2011
Amended, January 20, 2018; February 4, 2018; June 15, 2020

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, February 4, 1996
Amended, 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 April 2, 1975
Amended, January 27, 1990; April 28, 2011