

Conformance to Bylaws

All chapters must abide by AFP's bylaws. Although each chapter has its own standardized governing bylaws, there are certain stipulations in AFP's bylaws to which all AFP chapters must conform. These include the categories of association with AFP, which establish the parameters for individual relationships with AFP at the association and local levels. Individuals must be members of AFP to belong to a chapter. Below are the currently approved categories:

Individual Membership Categories

- 1) **Professional** - Full membership in the Association shall be open to individuals (a) who, among other responsibilities, hold some degree of accountability for income generation within the fundraising process; (b) who must hold some degree of responsibility directly for fundraising; (c) who are compensated for their services; and (d) who subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards and promote the Donor Bill of Rights. Professional members in good standing may vote, serve on chapter or Association committees and task forces, and hold Association or chapter office. \$290.00 plus chapter dues.
- 2) **Young Professional Membership** - Open to persons who hold some degree of responsibility directly for fundraising, work within the U.S. and Canada and are compensated for their services, and are 30 years old or younger, must subscribe to the AFP *Code of Ethical Standards* and promote the *Donor Bill of Rights* and be employed, or have been employed by an organization that provides benefits to society. \$65.00 plus \$30.00 chapter dues for all individuals 30 years old or younger (Beginning January 1, 2023: 26 years old or younger: \$65.00 plus \$30.00 chapter dues; 27 to 30 years old: \$120.00 plus \$55.00 chapter dues).
- 3) **Retired** - Retired membership in the Association shall be open to individuals who no longer practice as paid fundraising professionals but who, at the time they seek Retired Member status, have been Professional members of the Association for the immediate past five consecutive years and subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards and promote the Donor Bill of Rights. Retired members in good standing may vote and serve on chapter boards, committees, and task forces, as well as Association committees and task forces, but may not hold any Association office. \$75.00 plus chapter dues.
- 4) **Associate Membership** - Associate membership in the Association shall be open to individuals or volunteers (a) who are engaged in fields related to fundraising and fundraising support, or (b) who have mutual interests with fundraising professionals, and (c) who subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards and promote the Donor Bill of Rights. Associate members in good standing may vote, serve on chapter or Association committees and task forces, and hold Association or chapter office. \$290.00 plus chapter dues.
- 5) **Collegiate** - Collegiate membership in the Association shall be open to (a) students in a two- or four-year full-time degree granting, certificate, or diploma program at an accredited college or university, or (b) individuals who serve as a faculty advisor for a collegiate chapter of AFP. Collegiate members must subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards and promote the Donor Bill of Rights. Membership in this category is limited to those students affiliated with a Collegiate Chapter of AFP.

Collegiate members in good standing may vote and serve on chapter boards, committees, and task forces, as well as Association committees and task forces, but may not hold any Association office. \$35.00 plus chapter dues.

- 6) **Global e-membership-** Global e-membership in the Association shall be open to members outside of the U.S. and Canada who wish to join in an electronic-only-based membership category. Global e-membership members must subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards and promote the Donor Bill of Rights. Global e-membership members in good standing may vote and serve on chapter boards, committees, and task forces, as well as Association committees and task forces, but may not hold any Association office. \$50.00 plus chapter dues.

Organizational Membership Categories

- 1) **AFP Business Membership**

Business membership in the Association shall be open to for-profit organizations whose work complements the fundraising profession. The Executive Circle Business member shall be entitled to designate two employees to receive full benefits as Associate members of the Association. Endorser Business Members shall be entitled to designate one employee to receive full benefits as an Associate member of the Association. The designated individuals, as well as the organization that constitutes the Business member, must subscribe to the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards, and promote the Donor Bill of Rights.

Through their designated employees referenced above, business members in good standing may vote, serve on chapter or Association committees and task forces, and hold Association or chapter office. Executive Circle: \$5,000.00, Endorser: \$1,500.00.

- 2) **AFP Nonprofit Organizational Membership - Large**

AFP's Nonprofit Organizational Memberships champion effective and ethical fundraising, promote philanthropy and charitable giving, and grow the fundraising profession. A Nonprofit Organizational Membership will provide long-term value to the profession through broader representation in our public policy initiatives. Nonprofit Organizational Membership also brings public recognition of an organization's commitment to fostering ethical standards and professionalism in fundraising.

Shall be open to nonprofit organizations who wish to have multiple members in the association. The organization will designate a minimum of eight (8) to receive Professional member benefits. The memberships may be transferred to another individual if the original member leaves the organization. Subscribe to the *AFP Code of Ethical Standards* and promote the *Donor Bill of Rights*. Nonprofit Organizational members in good standing may vote, serve on chapter or Association committees and task forces, and hold Association or chapter office. Starting at \$2,200 for eight members (Beginning January 1, 2023, Starting at \$1,425.00 for five members).

AFP Nonprofit Organizational Membership – Small

Open to nonprofit organizations who can answer yes to all the following criteria:

- Must be a nonprofit organization – individuals, consultants, and for-profit entities may apply for a different category.
- An operating budget of less than \$1,000,000 (**Beginning January 1, 2023: less than \$2,000,000**)
- A fundraising department with less than two (2) Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff
- Individually incorporated or otherwise organized as a separate entity in the laws of the specific country; and
- Not affiliated with a larger institution supporting their operations.

The organization will designate one fundraising professional to receive the benefits offered in this membership category. The membership may be transferred to another individual if the original member leaves the organization. Subscribe to the AFP *Code of Ethical Standards* and promote the *Donor Bill of Rights*. Limit one membership per organization. Nonprofit Organizational members in good standing may vote, serve on chapter or Association committees and task forces, and hold Association or chapter office. **\$120.00 plus \$55.00 chapter dues (Beginning January 1, 2023: \$125.00 plus \$60.00 chapter dues).**

