

2012 Membership Application

Application for Membership

Membership

The IOA Bylaws set membership criteria by which the Association determines an individual's membership category. Classification of membership must adhere to these requirements and the membership year is January 1 to December 31. An IOA member's official job title and job description, with his/her respective organization, will be a benchmark by which member status is determined. Membership is individual, non-refundable, and non-transferable. Please note for US citizens only: Contributions or gifts to associations which are exempt under IRS 501(c) 6 are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. However, they may be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

Membership Categories

The IOA Bylaws have established the following classifications of members:

Member

A practicing organizational ombudsman who:

1. Adheres to the Standards of practice and Code of Ethics
2. In instances where the Ombudsman has other job functions for the organization, fulfillment of those duties must not compromise the independence, neutrality, confidentiality or informality of the ombudsman role; and
3. Has no job function which would make him or her an agent of the organization for the purposes of notice

A member is entitled to vote on all matters that are presented to the Association, provided that he/she is current in his/her dues and other obligations to the Association. Members may chair and participate on the variety of committees and task forces that accomplish the work of the association.

Associate Member

A practicing organizational ombudsman who:

1. Has some other job function which limits the independence, neutrality, confidentiality or informality of the ombudsman role; and,
2. Has no job function which would make him or her an agent of the organization for the purposes of notice; and,
3. Supports the Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics, but may be limited in the ability to adhere to them.

An associate member is entitled to vote on all matters presented to the Association with the exception of Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics, provided that they are current in their dues and other obligations to the Association. Associate Members may participate on the variety of committees and task forces that accomplish the work of the association. With the approval of the Board, an associate member may chair a committee and/or task force.

Affiliate Member

An affiliate member is a person who supports the Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics of the Association but does not qualify as a Member or Associate Member, including individuals employed in control functions, such as legal, faculty governance, compliance, audit, human resources or administration, and other persons as determined by the Board of Directors.

An affiliate member is not eligible to vote. An affiliate member must be current in his/her dues and other obligations to the Association. With the approval of the Board, an affiliate member may participate in and/or chair a committee and/or task force.

Retiree Member

A retired member is a person who has retired from the practice of ombudsmanry with a minimum of two years of service. A retired member is not eligible to vote. With the approval of the Board, a retired member may participate in and/or chair a committee and/or task force.

Benefits of Membership in the International Ombudsman Association

- Networking with colleagues
- IOA Code of Ethics
- IOA Standards of Practice
- Updates from the Task Forces and standing Committees
- Guidance For Best Practices And Commentary On The American Bar Association Standards For The Establishment And Operation Of Ombudsman Offices
- Discounted fees for Professional Development, discounted registration for the Annual Conference, discount on purchasing ads in the Annual Conference Program book and discounts on purchasing Resource Materials
- Access to *The Independent Voice* (the IOA Newsletter), notice of Professional Development opportunities, informational emails from both the IOA and the Board of Certification
- Members-only section of the website including access to sector specific listservs, the online directory of members and access to employment opportunities
- **Mentoring Program:** The International Ombudsman Association makes the transition to ombudsing a positive and rewarding experience by connecting a novice Ombudsman with an experienced Ombudsman through the Mentorship Program. This personal relationship provides the new Ombudsman an opportunity to have an "ombudsman friend," to get advice, and to discuss the Ombudsman profession. To qualify, Members* must meet the following criteria: (a) a practicing ombuds and (b) practiced for less than one year, and (c) be an IOA member in good standing. **Available for Member and Associate Member categories.*

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Name: _____

Ombudsman Title: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Website: _____

Title(s) if you hold other job functions for the organization: _____

Position Description: _____

Experience as an Ombudsman: _____ Years

Current Sector:

- Academic ADR Corporate Government Healthcare Media Non-Profit Other _____

Please affirm the membership category for which you qualify and use as a reference the IOA Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics at <http://www.ombudsassociation.org/about-us/mission-vision-and-values/ioa-best-practices-standards-practice> and the category information on the other side of this page.

IOA may contact you to verify the information submitted and/or request additional information.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member | \$195.00 USD | <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Member | \$135.00 USD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member | \$160.00 USD | <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Member | \$ 45.00 USD |

NOTICE OF CONSENT

By signing below, I attest that the category I have chosen correctly describes my current role.

Signature: _____ Date _____

**Application for membership in the IOA constitutes consent for the association to make you aware of products and services via fax, e-mail or mail. It also implies consent for the association to make available your name, address and other business contact information, to other IOA members, via an on-line or printed membership directory.*

METHOD OF PAYMENT : IOA Federal Tax ID: 54-1785444

IOA accepts checks made payable to "IOA" and must be drawn on US bank branch **or** the following credit cards: American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa. **Electronic funds transfers (EFT's) are not permitted.**

- American Express Visa MasterCard Discover OR Check (drawn on a US Branch)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Card Holder's Name: _____ Total Amount to Charge: \$ _____

(For Credit Card payment please complete the information above and fax this form to +1 (908) 842-0376)

If paying by Check, please send this application together with your payment to:

International Ombudsman Association (IOA)
390 Amwell Road, Suite 402
Hillsborough, NJ 08844-4693 USA

The term ombudsman is used to communicate to the widest possible community and is not intended to discourage others from using alternatives. IOA respectfully acknowledges that many practitioners use alternative forms of this word.

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