



## Membership Policy

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## 1.1. Supplemental

This policy is subordinate to AMTA's Bylaws and supplemental to AMTA's General Business Policy AMTA-001 (latest edition).

## 1.2. MEMBERSHIP DIVISIONS

### Divisions, Subdivisions & Dues

The Board has established the following AMTA membership divisions, subdivisions, and dues, as shown in Table 1). The membership Divisions are outlined in detail in AMTA's Bylaws but a concise summary follows:

#### **Division 1: Public Agencies, Industrial Users, and Water Suppliers**

Organizations such as public agencies, regulators, utilities and/or industries that are involved with membrane treatment of water, wastewater, or process streams.

#### **Division 2: Manufacturers and Consulting Firms**

Organizations or individuals that furnish equipment, material, and/or professional services for membrane treatment of water, wastewater, or process streams.

#### **Division 3: Individuals**

Individuals interested in the mission of AMTA including academics.

#### **Division 4: Student Members**

Individuals who meet the requirements of the Bylaws and policies set by the Board of Directors may join AMTA as student members.

#### **Division 5: Recent Graduates of a University/College Program Members**

Recent graduates who meet the requirements of the Bylaws and policies set by the Board of Directors may join AMTA as a recent graduate member.

#### **Division 6: Honorary and Appointed Members**

The Board may designate individuals who have provided distinguished service to AMTA and/or membrane technology to be Honorary Members.

### 1.3. Dues

<u>Div.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Entity Dues</u>	<u>Member Dues</u>	<u>Total Annual Dues</u>	<u>No of Members</u>	<u>Dues per each additional member</u>
1A	Large Utility (population > 300,000)	\$225	\$300	<b>\$525</b>	5	\$60
1B	Medium Utility		\$240	<b>\$465</b>	4	
1C	Small Utility (population < 10,000)		\$60	<b>\$405</b>	3	
1D	Industrial End User	\$225	\$375	<b>\$600</b>	3	\$125
1E	Regulatory Agency	\$100	\$225	<b>\$325</b>	3	\$75
2A	15+ Members	\$1,100	\$1,875	<b>\$2,975</b>	15	\$125
2B	10 to 14 Members	\$750	\$1,350	<b>\$2,100</b>	10	\$135
2C	5 to 9 Members	\$500	\$700	<b>\$1,200</b>	5	\$140
2D	1 to 4 Members	\$225	\$70	<b>\$295</b>	1	\$145
3A	Individuals		\$225	<b>\$225</b>	1	
3B	University/College Professors		\$200	<b>\$200</b>	1	
4	Student		\$0	<b>\$0</b>	1	
5	Recent Graduates		\$50	<b>\$50</b>	1	
6A	Honorary		\$0	<b>\$0</b>	1	
6B	Appointed		\$0	<b>\$0</b>	1	

*Table 1*

#### 1.4. Membership Benefits for Division 1 Members

Div 1 Benefit	Notes
Visibility among peers	Only the most advanced water and wastewater facilities incorporate membrane separation in their treatment processes. Network, share information and enhance your utility's knowledge and experience by joining the exclusive and focused AMTA community.
Membrane Facility of the Year	Only AMTA Division 1 members are eligible to be awarded the prestigious Membrane Facility of the Year Award. Join the list of world class facilities that comprise the list of previous recipients.
Service and Product Provider Directory	Access to searchable database of AMTA Division 2 members and the products/services they provide (engineers, manufacturers, etc.)
Discounted membership for staff	Division 1 member organization staff members join at a reduced rate. Your utility membership comes bundled with staff memberships and additional memberships available at a nominal cost.
Discounted Registrations	AMTA member discounts for workshops, Membrane Technology Conference registration and more!
Fact Sheets	Division 1 Members have access to the full library of AMTA Fact Sheets
Digital Library	Division 1 Members have access to AMTA's Digital Library containing thousands of technical papers, presentations and event proceedings.
On-site workshops	Only AMTA Division 1 members are eligible to host technology transfer workshops. Obtain complementary registrations and show case your facility to your peers.
AMTA's Utility Council	Division 1 utility members will join AMTA's Utility Council. This is a user group focused on utility operations of membrane systems free from non-operating, commercial intrusions. The primary member for each Division 1 utility is a member of the Forum which works with the Division 1 Directors to ensure the needs and interests of utilities are being recognized and met by AMTA.
AMTA's Utility Forum	At each year's MTC conference there will be utility forum organized by the Utility Council and to be attended only by Utility Members of AMTA and AWWA
Advance notice of Workshops	Division 1 members are given advance notice and early registration access to upcoming events and workshops.
Membership plaque	Proudly show off your utility membership with a plaque in your front office. (Starting 2024)
Logo/URL on AMTA's webpage	All Division 1 members will have their logo and a link to their homepage on AMTA's website. (Starting 2024)



### 1.5. Membership Benefits for Division 2 Members

Div 2 Benefit	Notes
Visibility among peers	Those who provide products and services to advanced membrane water and wastewater treatment facilities are an elite group - Network, share information and enhance your company's knowledge and experience by joining the exclusive and focused AMTA community.
Discounted membership for staff	Division 2-member organization staff members join at a reduced rate. Your corporate membership comes bundled with five (5) individual staff memberships with additional memberships available at a nominal cost.
Brand visibility	Only AMTA Division 1 and 2 members have their company affiliation visible during a member search. All Division 1 and Division 2 members have their logo on AMTA's website and a direct link to your "About Us" page. (Starting 2024)
Service and Product Provider Directory	Only AMTA Division 2 members have the visibility that comes with a searchable profile which identifies the products or services which you provide. Your primary contact can update and revise those services allowing other members to find you quickly (Updated 2024QII)
Discounted Registrations	AMTA member discounts for workshops, Membrane Technology Conference registration and more!
Fact Sheets	Division 2 Members have access to the full library of AMTA Fact Sheets
Digital Library	Division 2 Members have access to AMTA's Digital Library containing thousands of technical papers, presentations, and event proceedings.
Workshop presentation	Only Division 1 or Division 2 members are allowed to participate in providing workshop training
Advance notice of Workshops	Division 2 members are given advance notice and early registration access to upcoming events and workshops.

### 1.6. Individual Membership Benefits for all members

Membership in the Corporation brings the privilege of belonging to the premier United States organization dedicated to the application and advancement of membrane filtration and desalting processes for water treatment. Other benefits include: Educational Workshops, Seminars and Conferences

AMTA periodically conducts technical conferences, workshops and seminars, such as membrane technology, legislative and regulatory matters, legal and management issues, funding, regulations, and other important topics. Members are frequently given



the opportunity to attend and/or exhibit at AMTA conferences, workshops and other events at discounted rates.

#### Networking and Information Exchange

AMTA provides networking opportunities—regionally, nationally and internationally—between industry and utilities as well as information and experience exchange between members of the membrane industry. Members receive access to information on vital worldwide operating data, groundbreaking water research programs, water user needs, products and manufacturer services.

#### Publications and Reports

- “Solutions,” an AMTA newsletter that is generally published quarterly, is available to members to provide information on legislation, regulations, legal matters, projects, management, activities and trends impacting the membrane industry.
- AMTA Technical Fact Sheets, white papers and reports published and distributed by the Association.
- AMTA Digital Library, which contains Papers and Presentations given at AMTA events since 2003.
- Chats with Pioneers, more than 36 AMTA-recorded interviews with pioneers of the membrane industry. Videos and podcasts are publicly available via the AMTA website.
- AMTA members may submit articles for the Corporation’s publications, which are distributed within the membrane and desalination industry.

#### Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy

- AMTA strives to be the nation’s leading advocate of membrane technology and desalination and a strong voice for regulatory and legislative issues.
- AMTA leads efforts to remove regulatory obstacles and encourage increased use of membrane filtration and desalting processes for water.
- AMTA represents membrane filtration and desalting interests before the U.S. Congress, state legislatures, state and federal regulatory agencies, other industry organizations and the media when necessary.
- AMTA conducts responses to important legislation and regulations.



- AMTA monitors the development and implementation of state and federal regulations, prepares testimony and comments on issues affecting the industry, discusses and negotiates appropriate changes.
- AMTA directs public education and relations activities, which include interfacing with the media, policy makers, organizations and public officials to promote membrane technology awareness.
- AMTA provides its members with access to related regional and international organizations including:
  - International Desalination Association (IDA)
  - Northwest Membrane Operator Association (NWMOA)
  - South Central Membrane Association (SCMA)
  - Southeast Desalting Association (SEDA)
  - Southwest Membrane Operator Association (SWMOA)

## Membership Directory

The Corporation provides a searchable Directory of the Corporation's members on the AMTA website. This Directory will be available via on-line access at no additional charge to all members in good standing.

## Other Benefits

AMTA attempts to provide members with discounts on all Corporation sponsored conferences, workshops and seminars, exhibitions, trade shows, advertising rates and additional copies of publications.

### 1.7. Other

#### **Non-Member Incentive**

To encourage individuals to join, AMTA's Executive Committee may from time to time approve incentives, discounts or packages combining memberships and event registration.



Membership dues shall be paid annually and will come due on the anniversary date of membership.

### **Rejection of New Member Applications**

New member applications do not require Executive Committee approval. A membership application may be rejected by the Executive Director..

### **New Member Welcome**

All new members shall receive an “Email Welcome Message,” which shall include the following information: thanking them for joining AMTA and providing a link to the AMTA Members Only website with clear instructions for first access.. The AMTA Members Only website provides access to AMTA resources, such as the Digital Library, Membrane Technology Fact Sheets, Membrane Water Treatment Facilities, AMTA Newsletters “*Solutions*” as well as the AMTA Membership Listings and availability to search AMTA Members.

### **Transfer of Memberships**

No member may transfer for value a membership or any right arising from it. All rights of membership cease upon the member's death. Division 1 and Division 2 memberships for all related individuals are for the same duration of the entity’s membership.

Upon separation of employment for an individual that is part of a Division 1 or 2 membership the remaining duration of that membership may be assigned, with assistance from AMTA staff, to another individual.

### **Procedure For Member Expulsion**

Following the determination that a member should be expelled, which would be based on a two-thirds majority vote of the Board, the following procedure shall be implemented:

- A notice shall be sent by mail by prepaid, first class, or registered mail or electronically with confirmation of receipt to the most recent address of the member as shown on the Corporation's records, setting forth the expulsion and the reasons therefor. Such notice shall be sent at least fifteen (15) days before the proposed effective date of the expulsion.
- The member being expelled shall be given an opportunity to be heard, either orally or in writing, at a hearing to be held not fewer than five (5) days before the effective date of the proposed expulsion.
- The hearing will be held by an ad hoc committee composed of not fewer than three Directors appointed by the President. The notice to the member of his or her proposed expulsion shall state the date, time and place of the hearing on his or her proposed expulsion.



- Following the hearing, the expulsion committee shall decide whether or not the member should in fact be expelled, suspended or sanctioned in some other way.
- The decision of the committee shall be final.

Any person expelled from the Corporation shall receive a refund of dues already paid. The refund shall be prorated to return only the unaccrued balance remaining for the period of the dues payment. The procedures by which this shall be done shall be determined in accordance with the policies adopted by the Board of Directors.