

Membership Details and Applications

Applying for Membership: Please do not log in under another member's name to complete a membership application. This will corrupt the current member's membership information. Just click on the appropriate application below to begin.

Membership may be granted in one of three categories (governmental, non-governmental or retired) to individuals meeting the requirements described below.

Membership is granted on a calendar-year basis. While memberships are not prorated, memberships approved after the renewal period begins in October will receive the benefits of membership through the end of the following calendar year.

To be considered for membership, your application must be accompanied by your payment and, if applicable, a completed Recommendation form. Your application packet will be reviewed, once complete. The review may take several days; you will be notified by email regarding the status of your application.

If you change employers, you must reapply for membership by submitting a new membership application, payment and, if applicable, a Recommendation form.

Membership is subject to review at any time by the Executive Board.

- **Governmental membership** may be granted to:
 - Actively licensed attorneys who are public employees who directly provide legal representation for, or legal advice to, one or more public employee pension plans.
 - Actively licensed attorneys who are employees of a public employee pension plan who were previously Governmental members as defined in subparagraph 4(1)(a) of the NAPPA Bylaws, but no longer provide legal representation to the plan(s).

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A **Recommendation Form may be required** for applicants applying for membership from a governmental entity other than a retirement fund. In these cases, the form requires the electronic signature of the Chief Executive Officer of the public pension plan you represent.

Examples of such governmental public entities includes, but are not limited to:

State Treasurer's Office, Office of the Attorney General, Office of the State Comptroller, Department of Human Resources, Office of City Attorney, Department of Justice, State Board of Administration, Office of Personnel Management.

- The Governmental membership fee is \$350 annually per member.

Governmental membership application

- **Non-Governmental membership** may be granted to actively licensed attorneys who provide legal representation directly for, or legal advice to, one or more public employee pension plans. Effective February 12, 2015, there may be no more than ten (10) Non-Governmental members from any single firm or company.

- The Non-Governmental membership fee is \$550 annually per member.
- A Recommendation Form is required within two weeks of applying for membership. All applicants for Non-Governmental memberships must have the electronic Recommendation Form submitted by a current NAPPA Governmental member, a current Governmental counsel employed by a public retirement plan, or an executive employed by a public retirement plan. The Recommendation Form is located on our website under the "Join NAPPA" tab.

Non-Governmental membership application

- **Retired membership** is open to former NAPPA members (Governmental and Non-Governmental) who (i) were members of NAPPA for at least 10 years; (ii) are no longer providing legal or any other services, directly or indirectly, to a public employee pension plan; (iii) are not presently representing or seeking to represent a plan or plans as members of a class; (iv) are not presently representing nor seeking to represent any party or client adverse to the interest of a public employee pension plan or plans; and (v) are not eligible for membership under another category of membership. Retired membership entitles a member to receive access to the NAPPA website, E-list (listserve), *The NAPPA Report*, and Retired members will be listed in the active membership directory on the website. Persons in this membership category may attend the conference, if the full registration fee is paid. A Retired member who is not attending the conference, but desires to attend one social event during a conference, may attend if the per-person cost of the social event is paid.

- The Retired membership fee is \$50 annually.

[Retired membership application](#)

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