



# MISAC

MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

**Providing Valuable Resources for  
Local Government IT Professionals**



# MISAC Membership Benefits

Take a look at just a few of the reasons MISAC is experiencing exponential growth:

- 1. MUNITECH ACADEMY** – MuniTech Academy, features a curriculum of state-of-the-art IT courses taught by the country's premier instructors and designed specifically for local government IT professionals. Although attendance is open to anyone, MISAC members enjoy a significant tuition discount – usually more than the cost of membership!
- 2. MISAC ONLINE COMMUNITY (MISACONNECT)** – Considered by many to be MISAC's #1 member benefit, the MISACConnect provides a time-saving instantaneous mechanism for members to consult with peers on critical professional issues and concerns. MISAC members LOVE their online community and you will too! A great way to stay up-to-date on issues affecting your professional career!
- 3. MISAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE** – MISAC's Annual Conference, held in the fall of each year, provides members the opportunity to mix and mingle with peers from every corner of California – and beyond! In addition, educational opportunities abound with scores of timely and enlightening breakout and general sessions.
- 4. RECOGNITION** – One of the highlights of the conference is the annual Excellence in IT Awards presentation where members are feted for their accomplishments. A little secret – MISAC members have been known to show off their awards when they get back to their city or district and are rewarded with the resources to win an award the following year!
- 5. CHAPTERS** – MISAC's three chapters (Northern, Central, and Southern) hold meetings throughout the year. These get-togethers provide members with the opportunity to rub elbows with their peers, learn from the on-target presentations that are featured, and usually have a bit of fun while they are at it.
- 6. CAREER ADVANCEMENT** – MISAC's Career Center has proven to be the "go-to" place for local governments looking for quality qualified IT professionals. Hundreds of IT job openings are posted every year!
- 7. PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS** – Membership in MISAC also provides members the opportunity to initiate and grow professional, peer-to-peer relationships. Through these relationships, members learn practical, best practice solutions to challenges they encounter.
- 8. PERSONAL GROWTH** – Participation in professional trade associations provide immeasurable growth opportunities. Many MISAC members experience tremendous personal growth and satisfaction by serving in leadership positions within the organization whether it be at the chapter or state level.

# MISAC Membership FAQs

## ***Who can be a member of MISAC?***

Technically speaking, the actual members of MISAC are California cities and special districts that join. When the city or district joins, a representative of the entity is assigned as the "Primary." The individual assigned as the "Primary" is the full-voting member.

## ***Does that mean only one person from a member agency can participate in MISAC?***

No. Other IT employees from a member entity can participate by becoming an "Associate" member. There is no limit to the number of "Associate" members from a member agency.

## ***Can a vendor become a MISAC member?***

No, membership in MISAC is open only to California cities and special districts. Vendors participate in MISAC by becoming Strategic Partners, exhibiting at the MISAC Annual Conference, advertising in our weekly e-newsletter, MISAC Matters, becoming an Affinity Partner and/or becoming a conference sponsor.

## ***How much does it cost to join MISAC?***

MISAC dues are an absolute bargain for the value offered! Dues are only \$130 per year per person, or you can join as an Agency member for \$1,000 annually and have as many Associate members as you want!

## ***Are chapter dues additional?***

No, chapter dues are included in the annual fee for the "Full," "Associate," and Agency members.

## ***How do I join MISAC?***

The easiest way to join MISAC is online. Go to [www.misac.org](http://www.misac.org) and click on "Join MISAC" in the upper right hand corner. Follow the prompts from there. If you are the first person from your city or district to join, sign up as "FULL." If your city or district already has a "FULL," sign up as an "ASSOCIATE." MISAC's membership year runs from September 1 – August 31. Consequently, your dues may be pro-rated.

## ***How do I get added to MISACConnect?***

As soon as your application and payment have been received and approved, you will be added to MISACConnect. In addition you will receive an email with more information and use instructions.

## ***How will I know my application and payment have been received?***

Usually within two working days, you will receive an email welcoming you to MISAC. In addition, you will begin receiving daily emails from MISACConnect.

## ***I have more questions. Who should I contact?***

You can send an email to [support@misac.org](mailto:support@misac.org) or you can call the MISAC office at (888) 960-7570 and ask for Gretel or Brad.

***Visit [misac.org](http://misac.org) and join today!***

# Here's What Members Have to Say...

*"Through my MISAC membership, I have received discounted training opportunities that have helped me obtain certifications I use on the job every day."*

*"Via MISACConnect, MISAC members share issues and resolutions on a daily basis. Frequently, this has saved me significant money and time and always has helped me relook at my perspective and consider alternative technology resources."*

*"MISACConnect is worth its weight in gold when you need information or advice on purchases, policies, best practices, software and hardware decisions, network issues, etc."*

*"MISAC allows IT Managers/Directors in geographically remote areas or geographically separate cities to connect via MISACConnect and conferences."*

*"The Excellence Award has provided me an opportunity to showcase the areas where we are excelling and to identify areas where improvement is needed. In addition, having something to share with the elected officials that shows we are doing things correctly has helped further develop the department and project initiatives."*

*"Chapter meetings show the awesome power of networking! Whenever I attend one, I learn something new that I can implement immediately that helps me in my day-to-day functions."*

*"When I first joined, I had a couple members take me under their wing. They introduced me to key contacts at local agencies and to valuable vendors. They helped me develop my management practices and skills all the while pushing me to be active and share with other members."*

*"It is literally impossible to put a value on the collective wisdom of hundreds of municipal IT professionals. In addition to the educational opportunities, the ability of MISAC members to share experiences – what has worked as well as what hasn't – is purely invaluable. MISAC members have experience with all sorts of technical issues; that experience is easy to draw upon by utilizing MISACConnect, chapter meetings, and Annual Conferences."*

*I've found it invaluable for comparing notes (i.e., MISACConnect and carpooling to and attending Chapter meetings) on almost everything. My city has derived several hundred fold in benefit (cost savings, research labor) on the time I've invested – DOJ issues, State and Fed regulations, Windows issues, heads up on vendors and sourcing, video surveillance, all the municipal-specific applications.*



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