

# AACE PASS-THROUGH MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

#### What is It?

A reflection of AACE's renewed dedication and desire to support state and regional code enforcement associations in furtherance of accredited professional development and recognition of the code enforcement profession on a national level. This program is a value-added benefit to state and regional code enforcement associations.

#### What is Included?

#### ACCREDITED T R A I N I N G

State and Regional association trainings can be accredited through ICC for CEU's.

#### DEVELOPMENT A S S I S T A N C E

AACE assists associations with developing new courses, conferences\*, training, planning, discount programs and webinars.

#### ACCREDITATION H A N D L E D

The entire ICC accreditation process is facilitated by AACE at no cost to the association. Saving \$500 - \$800 annually.

#### BENCH-MARKING S T U D I E S

Access to statistical and operational information about the code enforcement professional nationwide.

## SPEAKERS & P R O G R A M S

AACE's entire speaker roster and training programs are available to state associations.

## NO MEMBERSHIP C O M P E T I T I O N

Members no longer have to decide between joining their state or regional association and AACE.

## FAQ:

Q: Can state/regional associations make the AACE pass-through membership optional?

A: No. Due to the cost and effort involved in maintaining a national speaker's bureau, ICC accreditation, webinars, and the other benefits discussed, it is not possible to let individual state/regional association members opt in or out.

Q: Is there a charge to have training courses ICC certified by AACE? A: No. All costs incurred to have trainings certified and CEU's designated by ICC is covered by AACE.

\*Q: Will AACE design state/regional training conferences for us? A: Not really, but AACE will work collaboratively with you and give as much or as little input or direction as you desire. State conferences are your events to operate, but AACE is happy to provide advice and suggestions based on the 30 years that we've been hosting conferences.

Q: Is there a charge for AACE's assistance with state/regional association training conferences?

A: It depends. If all you need is advice or a little help negotiating with vendors, there is no charge. If you are requiring AACE speakers to travel to your event or other factors that include a 'hard-cost', then you will be responsible for covering those expenses. However, we are experts at putting together events and can usually find ways to cut costs to make training EXTREMELY affordable.

Q: What is AACE's motivation in establishing this pass-through program? Is it just to increase membership numbers and get an additional \$15 per person?

A: Absolutely not. The current AACE Board of Directors, which is made up entirely of code enforcement professionals from across the country that volunteer their time, met in January 2018 in Denver, Colorado to strategize about how AACE serves the code enforcement profession and what value the association provides. What we realized was that with the exception of one annual networking and training conference, we needed to improve our value proposition for individual members. Most training needs are being met by local jurisdictions and state/regional associations. Additionally, the concept of AACE duplicating those efforts is costly and redundant. Therefore, we decided that supporting state/regional associations was where AACE's value proposition really begins to take shape.

Q: So what is AACE going to do differently when several state/regional associations adopt the pass-through membership program? A: In addition to the annual education and networking conference and other AACE benefits described in this summary, AACE is looking forward to partnering with state associations to bring 2-3 day regional conferences to different parts of the country throughout the year in areas where there is not currently local education. This will make it easier for members who don't have large travel and/or training budgets to attend conferences outside of their local area. We are also in the planning stages to bring ICC accredited webinars to the AACE website to provide training to members who absolutely cannot travel to regional conferences but desire CEU's for certification purposes.



#### WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

After executing a MOU, state associations simply add an additional \$15 per member upon initial registration (or membership renewal) to the already established state membership dues to cover an automatic AACE full-benefit membership for every state

association member.

On a monthly or quarterly basis, state associations report new or renewal state association member information to AACE along with AACE's \$15 per member annual dues. AACE then provides a certificate, membership card, and access credentials to

AACE1.org to every new member.

AACE members, regardless of how they enroll, receive the very same benefits, including discounted rates to national conferences. By honoring AACE memberships, state/regional associations can also realize increased attendance at state/regional training's by AACE members from other parts of the country!

#### CONTACT

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