

NAPABA Membership FAQs

Q. How do I become a member of NAPABA?

A. There are two ways to become a NAPABA member. One way is to join as a [direct member](#) and pay annual dues to NAPABA. The second way is to become a member of one of NAPABA's [affiliates](#) or national associates and use the complimentary membership code provided by your affiliate/national associate organization to activate your NAPABA affiliate membership online.

Q. How do I ensure that I can vote in the upcoming NAPABA officer elections?

A. In order to vote, you must be licensed to practice law in the U.S. or Canada (or have previously been so licensed and now be retired) and you must be a direct member or have activated your affiliate membership on or before July 1, 2019. Non-lawyer members are considered associate members and are not eligible to vote or to serve as members of NAPABA's Board of Governors or NAPABA Committees. *If you are any of the following membership levels you are not eligible to vote: Associate (Non-Attorney) Direct, Law Student Direct, Affiliate Associate, Affiliate Law Student, and National Associate.*

Q. How do I activate my NAPABA affiliate membership using an affiliate/national associate code?

A. Instructions to activate your NAPABA affiliate membership can be viewed [here](#).

Q. What is the difference between direct membership and affiliate/national associate membership?

A. Direct members pay dues directly to NAPABA and affiliate/national associate members pay dues only to their affiliates/national associates. Direct members and affiliate members are entitled to vote in NAPABA elections, except for the following membership levels: Associate (Non-Attorney) Direct, Law Student Direct, Affiliate Associate, Affiliate Law Student. National associate members do not have voting rights (although individual members may acquire the right to vote by becoming direct or affiliate members). If you are a direct member, you do not have to activate your membership with a code from your affiliate.

Q. When does my NAPABA membership expire?

A. The NAPABA membership year operates on a calendar year, January 1 to December 31, and dues are not prorated. All members must renew before the beginning of each calendar year to ensure their membership status does not lapse. You may renew your membership beginning December 1 of each preceding year.

Q. What do I do if I am a member of multiple affiliates?

A. You will only need to use one code to activate your NAPABA membership. You will have the option of identifying yourself as a member of multiple affiliates in your membership profile.

Q: What if I have problems activating my membership or have additional questions?

A. Contact membership@napaba.org for assistance.