

1.12 **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

A. POLICY

The core membership of GAPNA consists of advanced practice nurses who are dedicated to the practice of gerontological nursing. Voting privileges shall be reserved for Regular, Associate, Group, and Retired membership categories. Membership categories are as follows:

- Regular
- Associate
- Corporate
- Retired
- Student
- Honorary Lifetime

B. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINE

Regular Membership - Regular membership is extended to advanced practice nurses with current licensure to practice and who are currently employed or interested in gerontological advanced practice nursing. Regular members **shall**:

- Pay national dues.
- Renew annually on the member's anniversary date. Membership is not transferable.
- Receive all active membership benefits.

Regular members **may**:

- ✓ Attend all membership meetings
- ✓ Vote
- ✓ Serve on the National/Chapter Board of Directors
- ✓ Serve as Chair/Chair-Elect for any Committees, SIGs or Focus Groups
- ✓ Serve as a member of any Committees, SIGs or Focus Groups

Associate Membership - Associate membership is extended to any person or group who is interested in the activities of GAPNA. Associate members **shall**:

- Pay national dues.
- Renew annually on the member's anniversary date. Membership is not transferable.
- Receive all active membership benefits.

Associate members **may**:

- ✓ Serve as Chair/Chair-Elect for any Committees, SIGs or Focus Groups
- ✓ Vote

Associate members **may not**:

- ✓ Serve on the National/Chapter Board of Directors

Corporate Membership - A corporate membership is extended to employers or businesses that employ nurses. Two levels of membership are recognized (see "regular" and "associate" membership descriptions above). Corporate membership **shall**:

- Have fees determined by the Board of Directors based on group incentive programs.
- Be renewed annually on the Corporate Membership anniversary date. Membership is not transferable.
- Receive all active membership benefits.

Retired - Retired membership is extended to any retired person who is/was an advanced practice nurse. Retired members **shall**:

- Pay national dues at a reduced rate.
- Renewed annually on the member's anniversary date. Membership is not transferable.
- Receive all active membership benefits.

Retired members **may**:

- ✓ Attend all membership meetings
- ✓ Vote
- ✓ Serve on the National/Chapter Board of Directors
- ✓ Serve as Chair/Chair-Elect for any Committees, SIGs or Focus Groups
- ✓ Serve as a member of any Committees, SIGs or Focus Groups

Student - Student membership shall be extended for a period of three (3) years to any full-time (9 credits) student enrolled in a professional advanced practice nursing program and interested in gerontological advanced practice nursing. Student membership **shall**:

- Pay national dues at a reduced rate.
- Renew annually on the member's anniversary date. Membership is not transferable.
- Receive all active membership benefits.

Student members **may not**:

- ✓ Vote
- ✓ Serve on the National/Chapter Board of Directors
- ✓ Serve on any Committees, SIGs or Focus Groups.

Honorary Lifetime - Honorary Lifetime membership may be extended to persons as determined by the Board of Directors. All Founding members (23 NPs that gathered for the first conference and pioneered NCGNP) fall under this category per Board approval at the May 19, 2011 Board meeting.

Honorary Lifetime members **shall**:

- Be awarded privileges and responsibilities as set forth by the Board of Directors at the time the membership is awarded.
- Do not pay dues.

Honorary members **may not**:

- ✓ Vote
- ✓ Serve on the National/Chapter Board of Directors
- ✓ Serve on any Committees, SIGs or Focus Groups

23 Founding Members:

Darlene Anderston*	Gail de la Cruz*	Susan McDermott	Shirley Thennis*
Beverly Bakkum	Donna (Sstr James) Edgell*	Verla Olson	Sharon Westre
Sue Balint	Joyce Gill	Della Park	
Beverly Bradford	Shirley Kontos	Carole Schaffer	<i>*Active in database</i>
Colleen (Ruth) Broderick*	Mary Ann Laubacher	Helen Shewmaker	
Lorraine Carter	Ruth Leuck*	Audrey Smith	
Ruth Crosby Walkup*	Barbara Lewis	Alice Stoner	

Other Members Granted Honorary Lifetime Membership:

Howard Bradley – 9/1/2004

Priscilla Ebersol – 3/1/2010