

## **IEA Associate Membership -- Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. Who can join as an IEA Associate member?**

Any person or organization who:

- Is not eligible for another IEA membership category; and
- Agrees, by enrolling as a member, to demonstrate support for the mission, vision and core values of the Association; and
- Pays the annual Associate membership dues.

### **2. Who does not qualify to join as an IEA Associate member?**

- Any person who:
  - Is eligible for another IEA membership category (e.g., Active, Retired, Reserve, Staff and Student membership). An individual must join IEA at the highest level of membership for which they qualify; or
  - Declines to subscribe to the goals and objectives of the Association, abide by its Bylaws, and support its mission, vision, and core values; or
  - Fails to pay the annual Associate membership dues.

### **3. What is the difference between an Associate member and a Reserve member?**

The IEA Bylaws define a Reserve member as “any person who is on leave or is on a leave of absence of at least six months from the employment that qualifies him or her for active membership shall be eligible to be a reserve member of the Association, or has held active or education support membership in the Association but whose employment status no longer qualifies that individual for such membership.” But for the person’s leave status, a Reserve member would otherwise qualify for Active membership. These members also may not vote or hold elective office.

### **4. What rights and benefits would be granted to an IEA Associate member?**

Access to select electronic IEA communications; invitation to select IEA sponsored professional development; and opportunities to create partnerships with locals and the IEA.

### **5. What rights and benefits not available to an IEA Associate member?**

The following rights and benefits are not available to IEA Associate members:

- Nominate candidates or vote for elected positions.
- Run for elected office or as a delegate to IEA RA or NEA delegate assemblies.
- Be appointed to an IEA committee.
- Vote on IEA policies such as the budget; amendments to Bylaws; Resolutions, and Legislative Program; and proposed new business.
- Online Learning Portal

**6. How does someone join the Association as an IEA Associate member?**

Visit the IEA website and fill out the required form to verify eligibility and, if eligible, join as an IEA Associate member.

**7. Does joining as an IEA Associate member make the individual a member of NEA?**

No. The Associate membership is applicable only to membership in IEA. NEA has a Community Ally membership and information about that membership category is available on the NEA website.

**8. Do any dues dollars paid towards an IEA Associate membership go towards political activity?**

No. However, an IEA Associate member may contribute to IEA's political action committee, IPACE. An IEA Associate member cannot participate in the recommendation processes for political candidates because they are not eligible to hold elective or appointive positions necessary to take action in the recommendation process.

**9. When are IEA Associate membership dues due?**

Dues payment is required at the time of sign up and are due annually at the start of each membership year.

**10. How does an IEA Associate member remain in good standing?**

By paying annual dues and adhering to the requirements agreed to when joining, which include subscribing to the goals and objectives of the Association, abiding by the IEA Bylaws, and supporting IEA's mission, vision, and core values.

**11. When does an IEA Associate member fall out of good standing?**

Individuals who do not remit dues would be dropped from IEA membership rolls. Individuals who fail to subscribe to the goals and objectives of the Association, abide by the IEA Bylaws, and support IEA's mission, vision, and core values would be subject to censure, suspension of membership, or expulsion.