

INTANGIBLE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP WITH NFPA

Association Benefit

When you join one of NFPA's local associations, you automatically become a member of NFPA. A portion of the dues paid to each local association are sent to NFPA for each individual member. You will receive all the individual members' benefits listed inside plus the benefits of the local association you belong to.

NFPA local associations receive the following benefits:

Voting Privileges

Each member association, regardless of its size, has one direct vote. Your association elects the President, all Officers, and your Region Director, votes on positions and issues affecting NFPA and the profession, and votes on dues and the annual budget.

Timely Information

Your association board will receive a bi-monthly report titled *Inside NFPA* which contains information about NFPA activities, ABA activities, and other national/local events affecting the profession, copies of recently published articles, and information pertaining to other relevant activities.

Opportunities to Network and Debate Issues

Once a year at the Annual Meeting, local association representatives come together to exchange ideas, discuss and debate critical issues facing the paralegal profession, and vote on the future direction of NFPA. Many members from local associations attend the Annual Meeting. The NFPA Annual Meeting is open to all members of NFPA—not just the NFPA Primary/Secondary or local association board members.

Connection to the Information Superhighway

NFPA sponsors the Internet server paralegals.org. Member associations can list information about upcoming local association seminars/events/activities and other association information.

Internet Home Page

Member associations receive a home page on the Internet which includes an e-mail address of "association@paralegals.org."

Association Management Assistance

Upon request, NFPA will assist your association with general association management issues, financial issues, member retention issues, leadership training, public relation efforts, and in other areas.

The Vice President and Director of Membership is responsible for the overall association assistance programs in conjunction with the assistance provided by the Region Directors. These programs offer a wide range of board training, strategic planning sessions, membership growth advice and association management tips to assist your association. NFPA also holds association management training conference calls.

Association Management Tip Sheets are also often posted in *Inside NFPA*. Some Tip Sheet topics include:

Retaining Members New Members = Future Leaders How to Avoid "Bored" Meetings Recruiting Tips for Volunteers Non-Dues Income	Recruiting Members How to Run a Board or Committee Meeting Meeting Keeping Volunteers Motivated Tips for Dealing with Conflict How to Get New Life Into Your Newsletter
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Paralegal Publications

Documents written specifically for the paralegal are available through NFPA.

The National Paralegal Reporter is a bi-monthly, high quality, full-color magazine mailed to each NFPA member. Circulation also includes paralegal educators, state and local bar associations, and other legal professionals -- total circulation is over 11,000 copies!

The National Paralegal Reporter offers:

- In-depth feature articles on timely topics such as Paralegal Roles and Choosing Vendors.
- How-to articles providing readers with practical information that can be directly applied to their careers.
- Legal updates providing information that affects the paralegal profession, such as case law, legislation, and technology.

Information Databank

NFPA provides local associations with timely information about the profession and the issues surrounding it.

Individual Benefit

You may also join NFPA directly. If you select this option, you become a sustaining member and receive individual membership benefits from NFPA. Although sustaining members do not have voting privileges and cannot hold a NFPA Board position, they can still contribute to NFPA by working on committees and/or by holding coordinator positions.