

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP is available to an individual who is the owner of a business that provides information services, supports the objectives of AIIP, and accepts the Association's Code of Ethical Business Practice. An individual who applies for Regular membership must provide evidence that he or she owns at least 25% of a for-profit information services business. A Regular Member receives Connections, the official newsletter of the Association; may serve on committees and hold elective or appointed office; is entitled to one vote in all Association matters; has access to AIIP's electronic forum; may participate in Vendor Programs; and may use the official logo of the Association on business literature.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP is available to any individual who supports the objectives of the Association and accepts its Code of Ethical Business Practice. An Associate Member receives Connections, the official newsletter of the Association; may serve on committees; has access to AIIP's electronic forum; may participate in Vendor Programs as specified by the vendor; and may advertise that he or she is an Associate Member of AIIP.

Dues for both Regular and Associate Members are \$150 per year. Discounted conference registration is available to individuals who join AIIP with their conference registration.

CODE OF ETHICS

An Independent Information Professional is an entrepreneur who has demonstrated continuing expertise in the art of finding and organizing information. Each provides information services on a contractual basis to more than one client and serves as an objective intermediary between the client and the information world.

An Information Professional bears the following responsibilities:

- ◆ Uphold the profession's reputation for honesty, competence, and confidentiality.
- ◆ Give clients the most current and accurate information possible within the budget and time frames provided by the clients.
- ◆ Help clients understand the sources of information used and the degree of reliability which can be expected from those sources.
- ◆ Accept only those projects which are legal and are not detrimental to our profession.
- ◆ Respect client confidentiality.
- ◆ Recognize intellectual property rights, licensing agreements and other contractual agreements with vendors, and to explain to clients what their obligations may be to these agreements.
- ◆ Maintain a professional relationship with libraries and comply with all their rules of access.
- ◆ Assume responsibility for employees' compliance with this code.

ACCEPTABLE EVIDENCE OF BUSINESS OWNERSHIP FOR REGULAR MEMBERS

Please submit one of the items below as evidence that you own at least 25% of an information services business:

- ◆ Copy of business license or permit that shows ownership, for example:
 - Corporate charter
 - Federal Employer Identification application
 - VAT application
 - State sales tax permit or application
 - Copy of the articles of incorporation
 - Copy of the partnership agreement
 - Copy of assumed name (DBA) certificate
- ◆ Brochure listing you as an owner
- ◆ Business card listing you as an owner
- ◆ Print of Internet home page listing you as an owner