Open Fabrics Alliance Membership Policy

**Related Documents**

This policy document is created pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Corporation’s Bylaws (“the Bylaws”), dated xx/xx/xxxx.

**Classes of Membership**

The OpenFabrics Alliance offers four classes of membership:

* Promoter Members
* OFA Voting Members
* OFA Non-Voting Members
* Individual Members

Of these four, the Promoter Member class is the only class of standing membership as required by the Bylaws, carries with it certain specific minimum rights and responsibilities as defined in the Bylaws.

Each of the remaining three classes of membership are defined solely by this policy document and may be modified by the Board according to the procedures defined in the Corporation’s Bylaws.

The following section defines the specific rights and responsibilities afforded to each of the four classes of membership.

**All Members**

All Members, regardless of class, must:

* Abide by the OFA’s Bylaws and any other policies as authorized by the Bylaws and currently in force,
* Submit an executed Membership Agreement

**Promoter Members**

The specific rights and responsibilities afforded to Promoter Members are defined in the Corporation’s Bylaws. The description given here is a summary, provided for convenience.

* Promoter members are considered “statutory” members within the context of California law governing non-profits.
* Certain rights are reserved solely to Promoter Members; these rights are defined in Section 2.7 of the Bylaws.
* A Promoter Member may:
	+ Appoint a Promoter Director to serve on the Corporation’s Board of Directors, subject to the requirements and limitations described in the Bylaws.
	+ Nominate an individual to serve as Chair of any OFA Working Group.
	+ Such an nominated Chair may serve as sole Chair, or Co-Chair for a working group
* Promoter members enjoy all rights and privileges granted to all other membership levels

**OFA Voting Members**

* Entitled to nominate a Co-chair of any OFA working group
* An OFA Voting Member is entitled to vote on any WG decisions (rights-of-authorship WGs only)
* Subject to the charter and/or policies and procedures for any given working group.

**OFA Non-Voting Members**

* Entitled to participate in OFA programs, e.g. FSDP
* No rights to serve as a sole Chair

**Individual Members**

* This class is a free service provided to bona fide individuals (e.g. upstream developers)
* Entitled to participate in OFA member programs, e.g. FSDP

**Dues**

* Membership dues are due on January 1 every year.
* A new member is responsible for a pro-rated membership in its first year of membership, dated from January 1.

The following table lists the dues for each of the four membership classes.

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| **Promoter** | **$12,500** |
| **OFA Voting Member** | **$7,500** |
| **OFA Non-Voting Member** | **$2,500** |
| **Individual** | **Free** |