

MEMBERSHIP IN THE NIA

(Bylaws, Article 4)

Anyone who is in any way interested in insulators or related items is eligible to apply for membership.

There are two (2) classes of Members: Voting Members and Non-Voting Members. Both classes of member will be admitted to the National Show sales floor on NIA Day.

There are four (4) categories of membership: Life, Adult, Junior and Club.

- (a) Individual applicants 18 years of age and older may be considered for Adult Membership ("Adult Members"). Adult Members are Voting Members.
- (b) Immediate family members (significant other, and/or children residing at the mailing address), of any person holding an Adult Membership, are awarded the same privileges as that Adult Member, except for the receiving of official Corporation mailings ("Family Members"). Family Members are Non-Voting Members.
- (c) Applicants under 18 years of age, and not part of a family membership, may be considered for Junior Membership ("Junior Members"). Junior Members are Voting Members.
- (d) Any organization of insulator collectors and/or dealers may apply for a Club Membership by submitting their bylaws for review and paying the annual club membership dues. The Club, and by extension, its members shall not become affiliated with the Corporation until the Club's bylaws have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. Members of NIA affiliated clubs are Non-Voting Members. An individual's membership in organizations with a Club Membership shall not be construed to include membership in the NIA
- (e) The Board of Directors may, by majority vote, award a Life Membership to any Member for cumulative meritorious service to the Corporation or the insulator-collecting hobby ("Life Member"). Life Member's are Voting Members. No more than two Life Memberships can be awarded each year and will be presented at the NIA's annual National Show and Convention Awards Banquet when applicable.

Applications for membership may be obtained from the Membership Director or from the NIA website (www.nia.org). Payment of dues and address changes should be submitted to the Membership Director (membership@nia.org). General inquiries or comments about the NIA should be directed to the President (president@nia.org). The NIA encourages its members to be actively involved in the Association, and welcomes "letters to the editor" for possible publication in "Drip Points." These letters can be sent to the Information Director (information@nia.org).

Prospective members may join the NIA at any time; however, the “membership year” begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st. An application for a new membership submitted during the months of January through September, if accepted, will expire on December 31st in the same year as issued,

An application for a new membership that is submitted within three months (October – December) of the beginning of the new membership year, if accepted, will be good for the upcoming year. Renewal fees are due by January 1st of each year. New members are entitled to all membership privileges immediately upon acceptance by the NIA. Immediate family members of Adult Members do not receive duplicates of NIA mailings to the same address, but each member will receive a membership card.

Dues must be remitted in U.S. funds and made payable to the NIA. There are three categories of NIA Membership which require the payment of dues:

Adult Membership (May include immediate family members)	\$22.00
Junior Membership	\$ 5.00
Club Membership	\$50.00*

*Includes a ¼ page ad in one issue of “Drip Points” magazine.

Membership dues are not a tax deductible donation.

The NIA offers its members the opportunity to “Bridge” their membership. This option applies to an individual NIA membership number. An individual member has the option to “Buy Back” gaps that may exist in their individual membership. These gap years would be purchased at the current membership dues rate per year for each year being bridged. The individual’s total years of membership would be increased accordingly.