

Section 11
Membership

NUMBER 11.1 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

POLICY

The Membership Committee is a standing committee of INFORMS in accordance with Paragraph 3 of INFORMS Bylaw 6. The primary purpose of the Membership Committee is to identify and review membership value, needs, and benefits, and explore ways to retain, promote, and increase membership. The committee is responsible for helping to develop and execute strategies to grow the INFORMS membership and maximize member engagement and satisfaction. The Committee is also responsible for monitoring industry changes that may impact our members and proposing specific initiatives for membership growth to INFORMS Staff and the INFORMS Board. The Membership Committee works closely with the Student Affairs Subcommittee and the Subdivisions Council to achieve its purpose.

PROCEDURES

Committee Membership

The Membership Committee members are nominated by the Vice President of Membership and Professional Recognition with approval of the Executive Committee. The Chair is nominated by the Vice President of Membership and Professional Recognition with approval of the Board. Normally, the committee will consist of 5-8 appointed members. The usual term of office for committee members is three years with the possibility of reappointment for an additional term. New members will be appointed annually to stagger the terms and provide continuity. Normally, the Chair is selected from the committee membership and is responsible for nominating new members of the committee.

The Membership Committee's Board Liaison is the VP of Membership and Professional Recognition. The Director of Membership and Communities shall be an ex officio member of the committee.

Member Status and Renewal

The Membership Committee is responsible for monitoring the status of the membership and the state of renewals of memberships.

The Director of Membership and Communities shall provide quarterly reports to the Committee indicating:

a. the number of members in each membership and dues category,
b. the number of members in each category who were in the same category in the previous membership year and who renewed their membership during the quarter,
c. the number of members in each category who are new INFORMS members,
d. the number of members in each category who were members in the previous year and who have not renewed their memberships,
e. the number of members who were lapsed members of INFORMS (not members in previous membership year) and who joined INFORMS during the previous quarter.

The Director of Membership and Communities shall prepare a membership status and analysis report to submit to the Board at the Fall meeting.

Meetings

The committee will meet at least quarterly, including at the Annual Meeting. Meetings will take place as needed via any mode determined by the chair. Following the meeting, the Chair shall prepare a summary of the meeting and distribute it to Committee members and to the Board Liaison.

Review

The Membership Committee will review the committee's work periodically, but not less than once every two years or before a chair is appointed/reappointed, to determine whether the P&P and the committee are still aligned and continuing to benefit INFORMS and our members.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

INFORMS Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 2 General Procedures
INFORMS Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 15.1 Subdivisions Council
INFORMS Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 15.1.1 Sections/Societies Committee
INFORMS Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 15.1.2 Chapters/Forums Committee

NUMBER 11.2 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

EFFECTIVE: 2025 Spring Board Meeting renumbered; February 1996; Revised 2018 Summer Board Meeting

POLICY

The INFORMS Bylaws establishes the categories of membership to be defined in the INFORMS *Policies and Procedures Manual*.

PROCEDURES

The current categories of membership in INFORMS are defined as follows:

Member:

Any individual interested in operations research, the management sciences, analytics, and related scientific methods who applies for membership on and renders dues specified by the Board.

Student Member:

Any individual interested in operations research, the management sciences, analytics, and related scientific methods who is a full-time student at an accredited educational institution and who applies for membership and renders dues specified by the Board. Student member must provide graduation date and verification of status as a full-time student.

Retired Member:

Any individual interested in operations research, the management sciences, analytics, and related scientific methods who is not regularly employed and who applies for membership and renders dues specified by the Board.

Institutional Member:

Any organization interested in operations research, the management sciences, analytics, and related scientific methods that applies for membership and renders dues specified by the Board.