



Society Membership Petition

Society Membership is reserved for nonprofit scientific societies (generally U.S. national societies that may include some members in other countries) whose principal purposes are advancing science, education, and the scientific and professional interests of their members.

Professional Society Contribution Requirements

- Societies contributing at minimum annual levels—*\$1,500 for societies with fewer than 1,000 members; \$3,000 for societies with 1,000 and more members*—may participate in CAST through a CAST Representative from their society who serves a three-year term on the CAST Board of Representatives and participates as a member of one work group.
- Societies contributing below these minimum annual levels may contribute financially at the annual level of their choice with the following minimums and be considered Associate Societies. Associate Societies will receive all membership benefits, but will not have a CAST Representative. Associate Society minimums:
 - State Organizations.....\$350
 - Regional Organizations.....\$550
 - National Organizations.....\$750

Please complete the following and return to CAST if petitioning board for first time membership or rejoining.

Membership Petition:

Societies must petition the CAST Board of Directors for membership. The petition for membership should include:

1. **The society’s purpose:** (If needed, attach separate documentation)
2. **Scientific publications:** (If needed, attach separate documentation)
3. **Membership:** (If needed, attach separate documentation)
4. **Bylaws:** (Attach as separate document)
5. **A request for acceptance stating how the society's membership would contribute to the fulfillment of CAST's mission** (*CAST assembles, interprets, and communicates credible, science-based information regionally, nationally, and internationally to legislators, regulators, policymakers, the media, the private sector, and the public.*) Attach as a separate document.

CAST Society Representative

Background: Each member society will designate one representative to serve a three-year term on the CAST Board of Representatives. The representative is expected to attend an annual CAST meeting of the board each year, participate throughout the year as a member of one work group, and serve as a liaison between CAST and the society. For CAST to be as functional as possible, it is paramount that member societies consider the individual to be appointed and the following responsibilities before making their appointments.

Duties:

- **Attendance/Participation**
 - Attend an annual CAST meeting. In the event that the Representative cannot attend, it is his/her responsibility to arrange for an informed substitute to represent his/her society. *The society is responsible for all travel expenses related to attendance of the annual meeting.*
 - Participate actively in work group assignments, conference calls, etc. as appropriate. The representative may serve on one work group: Animal Ag and Environment, Food Science and Safety, or Plant Ag and Environment.
 - Be a current paid individual member of CAST during his/her tenure as a Representative. Membership categories include: Individual, Century Club, Friends of CAST, Presidents Club, Millennium Club, and Lifetime Membership.
 - Coordinate set up, take down, and staffing of the CAST display at member society meetings. CAST uses a tabletop display that explains the role of CAST and contains display copies of recent publications.
 - Communicate effectively and regularly with the society he/she represents, including reporting to his/her society board, newsletter, and other avenues as available and appropriate.
 - Coordinate or facilitate efforts of the CAST staff to enhance communications between CAST and member societies.
- **Development Support**
 - Encourage colleagues to be members of CAST.
 - Assist with sustaining membership by identifying appropriate companies/ organizations to approach for membership and identifying appropriate contacts when possible.
 - Encourage financial contributions, both unrestricted and for specific purposes, from individuals, companies, nonprofit organizations, and academic and governmental entities.
- **Organization**
 - Understand the organizational structure of CAST and participate actively in a work group.
 - Ensure that the status of organizational strength and human resources available are commensurate with the requirements of the long-range goals.
 - Assess the effectiveness of the CAST organization and make recommendations to improve its performance.
- **Operations**
 - Critically assess results achieved by CAST in light of its philosophy, annual and long-range goals, and the performance of similar organizations.
 - Ensure that the finances of CAST are adequate for its current needs and its long-range strategy.
 - Provide CAST with candid and constructive criticism, advice, and comments.
- **Term**
 - 3 Years

For additional information, contact Executive Vice President John M. Bonner (515) 292-2125, ext. 25 or jbonner@cast-science.org.

CAST is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Therefore, your membership and any additional contributions may qualify as charitable contributions under IRS guidelines. CAST's Federal Identification Number is 23-718-6154. You will receive a verification of contribution.



SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Full Society Contribution Requirements

\$1,500 for societies with fewer than 1,000 members;
\$3,000 for societies with 1,000 and more members

Associate Society Contribution Requirements

Associate Society dues are for the calendar year. The dues structure for associate society membership is discretionary with the following minimums:

- State Organizations.....\$350
- Regional Organizations.....\$550
- National Organizations.....\$750

Become a member of CAST by visiting
www.cast-science.org
or complete this form, then mail or fax to:

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Ames, IA 50014-3447
Phone: (515) 292-2125
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Questions: Contact Melissa Sly
msly@cast-science.org
515.292.2125 ext 32

Society Information

Society Name	Website	
Address, City, State, Zip		
EVP Name	Telephone	E-Mail
Society President Name	Telephone	E-Mail

CAST Representative

Dr. Mr. Ms.

Name	Title		
Organization/Company			
Address			
City	State	Zip	Country
Telephone	Email		

Payment Information

- Please invoice me for \$ _____
- Check enclosed for \$ _____ (Make checks payable to CAST)
- AmEx \$ _____
- Discover \$ _____
- MC \$ _____
- Visa \$ _____

Credit Card Number	Expiration	Verification Code #	Signature
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