



Membership

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Policy

Purpose: To provide guidance for the Association on membership matters.

1. ATAT active membership dues are \$350, student membership dues are \$30, and associate membership dues are \$100. Student membership dues are free for those enrolled in a Texas University teaching block. The association will pay annual dues for the student teaching semester through the end of the ATAT fiscal year.
2. Members who pay the conference fee receive a complimentary year of ATAT membership and a complimentary ATAT conference registration.
3. Any new teacher hired mid-year may join at half price, with full privileges accorded.
4. All teachers may pay dues in up to six equal payments. All checks must be post-dated by December 31.
5. All those serving the Association shall be members in good standing with the Association by October 1 of that school year.
6. Any refunds for workshops/registration must be made in writing one week before the Monday of the conference.

Operational Protocols

1. The Association office keeps each chairperson informed of the membership status of teachers in his/her district and area and furnishes necessary dues materials for him/her to use.
2. Send communications encouraging new teachers and non-paying members to pay their dues.
3. The district/area membership chairperson checks his/her district list and notifies the Association of Teachers who have left the district or are no longer teaching. The membership chairperson is to make personal contact with non-members and enlist the help of any agriculture science teacher who can explain the benefits of the Association.

4. Student members will receive professional liability insurance.
5. Committee chairpersons and directors stress membership in the National Association of Agricultural Educators and the Association for Career and Technical Education to promote and advance agricultural science and technology. The increased cooperation and coordination of national and state associations in solving mutual problems make the above necessary.
6. At Family Night during the conference, give at least eight major door prizes of up to \$2,000 in value. Each director is responsible for one reasonable-quality door prize. Directors can donate personally or solicit a local business to provide the prize. Door prizes should follow the same pattern as previous years and use name tags for the door prize drawings. Active, Associate, Student, and Honorary members are eligible for the door prize drawing.
7. Staff will send promotional flyers to administrators, counselors, and service centers to advocate agricultural education and professional development. Include a link to promote teachers and provide administrator contact information for promotion.
8. Staff will communicate with area membership chairpersons before the conference, giving instructions on how they can assist in registration.