

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Pursuant to Article VII of the Code of Regulations, as adopted in March 2005, the categories for membership in the Greater Dayton Paralegal Association, Inc. are listed below.

Active Members: An Active Member shall be any person who is a paralegal as defined by the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, as follows:

Resolution 87-16: A Paralegal/Legal Assistant is a person, qualified through education, training or work experience to perform substantive legal work that requires knowledge of legal concepts and is customarily, but not exclusively, performed by a lawyer. This person may be retained or employed by a lawyer, law office, government agency or other entity or may be authorized by administrative, statutory or court authority to perform this work.

An Active Member has the right to vote and hold an elective office. In the event a member who has maintained Active Membership for a period of two (2) years becomes unemployed, that member has the option of maintaining Active Membership for a period of two (2) more years. If the member is not employed as a paralegal as defined above at the end of the two (2) year period, then that member shall be permitted to maintain Associate Membership.

Associate Members: An Associate Member shall be a graduate of a paralegal training program, who is currently not employed as a paralegal, is a retired former voting member, or is a person as outlined in Section 7.01(1) (a) above. Associate Members shall have all of the rights and privileges of GDPA, except they shall not have the right to vote or hold an elective office.

Student Members: A Student Member shall be any person enrolled in a formal paralegal training program not currently employed as a paralegal or a student presently participating in an internship program.

Sustaining Members: A Sustaining Member shall be any person, partnership, organization or other entity interested in supporting GDPA. Sustaining Members shall have all the rights and privileges of GDPA, except that they shall not have the right to vote or hold an elective office.

Change in Membership: Associate Members and Student Members may become Active Members upon satisfaction of the requirement for active membership, payment of the difference between the annual dues already paid and the annual dues required of an Active Member, and a written request to the Board of Directors. Any voting member may, by notice in writing to the Board of Directors, change membership status to that of an Associate Member.