

APSPA FAQs

1. **What are the benefits of being an APSPA member?** Networking opportunities, Biannual APSPA meetings/parties at the AAPA and the ASPA Conferences, access to APSPA News, Job Postings, Survey Results, ASPA Affiliate Membership, information regarding Mission Trip Opportunities, Preceptorship Opportunities, and other plastic surgery information and services.
2. **What are the categories of membership?**

“FELLOW MEMBER”

A fellow member is an ARC-PA PA program graduate or NCCPA-certified PA, who shall be employed within the field of Plastic Surgery under the supervision of a board-certified plastic surgeon, and is also a fellow member in good standing of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. Fellow members shall be entitled to the privileges of the floor, to hold formal office, and to vote.

“SUSTAINING MEMBER”

A sustaining member is a PA eligible for fellow membership (an ARC-PA or NCCPA-certified PA) who has chosen not to practice in the PA profession or to join the AAPA.

“STUDENT MEMBER”

A student member is a person enrolled in an ARC-PA or an unaccredited program recognized by the AAPA. Student members shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor but have no vote or hold any office except for their elected Student Representative. The Student Representative shall be elected by his or her peers and enjoy all rights and privileges including formal vote except in matters relating to AAPA.

“PHYSICIAN MEMBER”

A physician member is a U.S. licensed physician who wishes to associate with the organization. He or she shall have the privilege of the floor but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

“ASSOCIATE MEMBER”

An associate member is a person engaged in selling products or other services to PA's or an individual employed by a government agency who does not qualify for any other membership categories. Associate members shall be entitled to the privileges of the floor but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

“AFFILIATE MEMBER”

An affiliate member is a person who is ineligible for any of the above categories and wishes to associate with the organization and is approved by the Board of Directors. Affiliate members shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

“HONORARY MEMBER”

An honorary member shall be a person who has rendered distinguished service to the Physician Assistant profession and/or APSPA. Such members shall be nominated by an active academy member, approved by the Board of Directors within one year, and approved by the general membership. They shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office. They shall be exempt from paying dues.

3. **How much is a membership?**
 - a. Fellow=\$50
 - b. Sustaining=\$20

- c. Student=\$10
 - d. Physician=\$100
 - e. Associate=\$100
 - f. Affiliate=\$50
4. **How many PAs work in Plastic Surgery?** Approximately 450 PAs work in plastics, according to a recent data provided by the AAPA.
 5. **How long are the APSPA officer terms?** 2 years.
 6. **How can I volunteer to work with APSPA?** Contact any of the APSPA Board of Directors <http://www.apspa.net/new/ContactUs.asp>
 7. **Where can PAs prescribe medications?** All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands have enacted laws that authorize PA prescribing.
 8. **Where can PAs Practice?** All states plus the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands have laws or regulations authorizing PA practice.
 9. **How much does it cost to post a position on the APSPA Job Board?** \$250 for posting only, \$300 for posting plus e-blast to members, \$350 for posting plus 2 e-blasts.

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