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SETAC Membership Policy

Membership Categories, classes, grades, benefits, dues and operating procedures

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1 General Provisions

1.1 Purpose

The goal of the membership program is to allow SETAC to engage with as many people as possible and for individuals to have a touchless and easy process to engage with the Society.

This document defines the SETAC Membership classes, grades, benefits and dues, and the procedures for application and acceptance.

1.2 Definitions and Acronyms

Board: The SETAC Board of Directors, the primary governing body of the Society.
GU (Geographic Unit): A regional component of SETAC, governed by its own Board or Council but aligned with the global mission and strategy of SETAC.
Member in Good Standing: A member who has paid all applicable dues, complies with SETAC's bylaws, code of conduct, and policies, and is not under suspension or disciplinary action.
SETAC: Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.
The Society: The Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.

2 Membership categories and classes

2.1 Membership Categories

a) The membership of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry shall consist of **Individual Members** and **Corporate Members**.
b) All members, regardless of category, must support the stated purpose of the Society and demonstrate a bona fide interest in advancing the mission and objectives of SETAC.
c) Membership of the Society shall be subject to approval, renewal, suspension, and termination in accordance with these provisions and such additional policies as may be adopted by the Board from time to time.

2.2 Individual Members

SETAC shall recognize two classes of Individual Membership: Free Members-also referred to as Basic members-, and Full Members.

2.2.1 Free Members

Qualifications
An applicant for Free Membership shall:

a) Share and support the stated purpose of the Society; and
b) Demonstrate an interest in advancing SETAC's mission.

No minimum academic or professional qualification is required.

Benefits
A Free Member in good standing shall be entitled to:

a) Subscription to SETAC News
b) Subscription to SETAC Globe

c) Access to SETAC Science Briefs
d) Access to SETAC Technical Issue Papers
e) View-only access to the SETAC Career Center
    - Membership of SETAC Interest Groups
    - Membership of SETAC Affinity Groups
f) Complimentary registration for selected online events (e.g., webinars)

Free Members shall not have voting rights and shall not be eligible to hold office.

2.2.2 Full Members

Qualifications
An applicant for Full Membership shall:

a) Share and support the stated purpose of the Society;
b) Have relevant academic qualifications and/or applied experience in a field related to the Society's purpose;
c) Hold a primary degree (e.g., B.Sc. or equivalent) **or** be granted Full Membership by special appointment by the Board upon the recommendation of the relevant Geographic Unit, and
d) Pay the applicable dues as established by the Board.

Benefits
A Full Member in good standing shall be entitled to all benefits of a Free Member, and additionally:

a) Complimentary online access to SETAC journals;
b) Discounts (including, but not limited to, meeting registrations and journal open-access fees);
c) Complimentary online access to SETAC recordings;
d) The right to vote at meetings of the SETAC General Assembly;
e) The right to vote at meetings of the SETAC GU General Assembly the member is affiliated to.
f) Eligibility to stand for election or appointment to SETAC governing bodies, including committees, boards, and councils.
g) Access to the SETAC membership database (in accordance with data protection policies);
g) Access to participation in the SETAC Mentorship Program

2.3 Corporate Members

SETAC shall also recognize Corporate Members, which may include for-profit or non-profit organizations, institutions, associations, or foundations that support the purpose of the Society.

Corporate Members shall not hold voting rights and not hold office unless otherwise expressly authorized by the Board.

2.3.1 Global Partners

Qualifications
To qualify as a Global Partner, an organization shall:

a) Support and seek to foster the purpose of the Society;
b) Demonstrate alignment with SETAC's mission and principles;
c) Pay dues at a level established by the Board
    - Be formally approved by the Board.

Benefits
A Global Partner shall receive recognition and benefits commensurate with its level of contribution, which may include privileges relating to membership, publications, meetings, sponsorships, and other activities, as determined exclusively by the Board.

2.3.2 Geographic Unit (GU) Partners

Qualifications
To qualify as a GU Partner, an organization shall:

a) Support and seek to foster the purpose of the Society;
b) Share the stated purpose and values of SETAC;
c) Pay GU Partner dues as established by the relevant GU;
d) Be formally approved by the GU Board or Council.

Benefits
A GU Partner shall receive recognition and benefits commensurate with its level of contribution, which may include privileges relating to GU-based membership, publications, meetings, and other activities as determined by the relevant GU Board or Council.

3 Dues and Finances

3.1 Establishment and Collection of Dues

a) All individual membership dues shall be established periodically by the Board.
b) Membership dues of members assigned to an incorporated GU are collected by the GU the member is residing in.
c) Membership dues of members assigned to an un-incorporated GU are collected by SETAC.

3.2 Currencies

- Membership dues are set in three different currencies: US Dollar (USD), Australian Dollar (AUD), and Euro.
- Membership dues for members affiliated to SETAC Latin America and SETAC North America shall be set in USD.
- Membership dues for members affiliated to SETAC Asia Pacific shall be set in AUD.
- Membership dues for members affiliated to SETAC Africa and SETAC Europe shall be set in EURO.

3.3 Career Status Discounts

Discounted individual membership dues shall be available for full members based on career status.

3.3.1 Professional Member

- Obtained a primary degree or higher over three (3) years ago
- Shall pay **100%** of the applicable membership dues

3.3.2 Recent Graduate Member

- Obtained a primary degree or higher within the past three (3) years
- Shall pay **50%** of the applicable membership dues

3.3.3 Student Member

- Is actively engaged in formal education or training
- Shall pay **25%** of the applicable membership dues

3.3.4 Emeritus Member

- Must have maintained membership in SETAC for 20 cumulative years (not necessarily
  - continuous), which reflects their shared purpose with, and commitment to the Society
- Must be at least sixty (60) years of age
- Must be fully retired from employment in the field
- Shall be **exempt** from the payment of membership dues

3.4 Country Income Level Discounts

a) Discounted individual membership dues shall be available based on country of residence.
b) Country Income-Level Discounts shall be applied cumulatively with career level discounts
c) Country classifications shall be determined according to the World Bank's income classification system.
d) Notwithstanding the above, the Board reserves the right, under exceptional circumstances, to designate selected High-Income Countries as eligible for reduced rates.

3.4.1 High Income Countries

Members residing in countries classified as **High Income Countries** shall pay **100%** of the applicable dues.

3.4.2 *Middle- or Low-Income Countries*

Members residing in countries classified as Middle- or Low-Income Countries, by the World Bank, shall pay **25%** of the applicable dues.

3.5 Corporate Membership Dues

a) Global Partner dues shall be established by the Board and allocated to global operations at the discretion of the Board.
b) GU Partner dues shall be established by the relevant GU and allocated to GU operations at the discretion of the respective GU Board or Council.

4 Membership Administration

4.1 Membership Administration

SETAC Members are administered in the global membership database and administered collaboratively by the SETAC staff.

a) Members residing in countries assigned to SETAC Latin America and SETAC North America shall be administered by the SETAC Washington DC office
b) Members assigned residing in countries assigned to SETAC Africa and SETAC Europe shall be administered by the SETAC Brussels office.

c) Members residing in countries assigned to SETAC Asia-Pacific shall be administered by the SETAC Brisbane office.

4.2 Data Protection

SETAC is committed to ensure that the privacy of SETAC members is protected. Procedures for the administration, management and protection of personal data shall be set forth in the Privacy Policy approved by the Board.

4.3 Member Standing and Termination

a) Any member, regardless of category, who is in arrears of renewal of over one (1) month shall be considered not in good standing and shall lose all membership privileges.
b) Any Full Member whose dues remain unpaid for a period exceeding one (1) month following the due date shall have their membership automatically terminated, without further notice.
c) Any Free Member who fails to renew within a period of one (1) month following the date the membership expires shall have their membership automatically terminated, without further notice.
d) The Society reserves the right to suspend or terminate any membership, including in cases of conduct that conflicts with the values, ethics, or objectives of the Society, subject to due process as determined by the Board.

4.4 Voting Rights

Only Full Members in good standing shall constitute the voting membership of the Society. Only Full Members shall be eligible to:

a) Vote in any election or General Assembly of SETAC
b) Nominate candidates for elected office
c) Stand for election or appointment to any governing body of SETAC, including committees, boards, and councils

5 Template for Periodic Board Approval

Membership dues 2026

Approved by SETAC Board of Directors on 21 January 2026

Individual Membership Dues*

Membership Type	SETAC Latin America SETAC North America	SETAC Africa SETAC Europe	SETAC Asia-Pacific
Full member	USD 160	EURO 160	AUD 160
Free member	USD 0	EURO 0	AUD 0

*Early Career members receive 50% career status discount ; Student members receive 75% career status discount; Middle- and low-income countries receive 50% discount (cumulative to the career status discount).

Corporate Membership Dues

Global Partner Dues

Business partner	USD 15,000
Affiliate partner	USD 7,500