

Membership Categories

Active Member: An individual who has paid his or her dues. The maximum number of active members is set by the Board. If an opening becomes available after January 15th of a given program year (July 1 – June 30), an invitation is made to the first person on the wait list and the dues are 50% of the annual dues at the time.

Emeritus Member: An individual who has provided outstanding service over many years to the club, but may not be able to participate fully because of changed location, health or other limitations. A request for this status must be made in writing to the Board; upon approval, the member's Emeritus status is granted for lifetime and no dues are subsequently required.

Wait Lister: An individual who would like to join the club but cannot due to the Active membership cap having been reached.

Alumnus: An individual who has voluntarily moved away or otherwise chooses not to participate in nominal club activities but would like to stay in touch with and aware of the club's activities. There is a nominal fee associated with this category. The person may request to be kept or added to the club's communication methods (e.g., Facebook, chat groups, GordieGrams). If an alumnus wishes to become an Active Member again, he or she must be put on the wait list.

Alumnus (*with reinstatement option*): An individual who terminates an Active membership **specifically** due to health reasons or other significant circumstances (e.g., job relocation) and wishes to rejoin the club when his or her circumstances change. The individual must inform the Board in writing when terminating membership if this situation arises in order to subsequently request the reinstatement option. The individual will be granted Alumnus status (as above) while he or she is not able to participate. A request for Active Member status must be made in writing to the Board; upon approval the member will be added to the Active membership cap. When an alumnus is reinstated, their original date of membership will be maintained.

To see what each category of membership can do, see "Activities by Membership Category". In all cases, participation in any activity is in accordance with the guidelines for that activity.

Activities by Membership Category

Activity	Active Member	Emeritus Member	Wait Lister	Alumnus	Invited Guest
Attend meetings	yes	yes	yes	yes ²	yes ²
Wear NBCC nametags	yes	yes	yes	no	no
Have Name in Directory	yes	yes	no	no	no
Bring refreshments	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Pay dues	yes	no	no	yes	no
Be on the Board	yes	no	no	no	no
Be a member of a committee	yes	yes	no	no	no
Assist a committee without being a committee member	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
See website and Lens & Eye	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Access Members Only Area of Website	yes	yes	no	no	no
Receive GordieGrams	All	Selected	Selected	Selected	None
Be part of the NBCC Chat Group	yes	yes	no	yes	no
Be part of the NBCC Facebook Group	yes	yes	no	yes	no
Field trips	Lead / Attend	Attend ²	Lead ³ / Attend ²	Attend ^{1,2}	no
Education Groups	Lead / Attend	Attend ²	Attend ²	no	no
Compete	yes	no	no	no	no
Participate in Members Showcase	yes	no	no	no	no
Participate in Member Programs (e.g., Expo)	yes	yes ²	no	no	no
Participate in Members Choice	yes	yes	no	no	no
Have Historical Awards Posted	yes	yes	no	no	no
Submit to NBCC exhibits	yes	no	no	no	no
Submit to External Organization Competitions w/NBCC	yes	no	no	no	no
Annual Photo Essay	Attend / Submit	Attend / Submit ²	Attend	Attend	Attend
Attend picnic	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Attend special events (e.g., 50th anniversary, Big Speaker)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Attend End-of-Year Event	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

¹ Waiver must be signed

² If space is available

³ At discretion of committee chair