

# Proposed Changes to MAC Membership Tiers

On February 3, 2025, MAC Council voted to bring to the membership the Reimagining MAC Task Force recommendations for new membership tiers. These will begin with the 2026 membership campaign. With these new membership tiers, MAC will better serve our current members, attract new members, and create more financial sustainability for the organization. MAC members will be asked to vote on these changes at the MAC Members' Meeting held at the 2025 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN, on Friday, April 11, 2025.

Key elements of these proposed changes include:

- A new sustaining membership tier set at \$100
- A new first time member rate set at \$35
- A financial hardship rate of \$0 for members experiencing extenuating and acute financial hardship, available for 1 year.
- The standard individual rate and the institutional member rate do not change.
- The student rate does not change and now explicitly includes unpaid volunteers and interns.

## Proposed Tiers:

- Membership A: \$55, standard individual rate
- Membership B: \$35, first time member rate
- Membership C: \$20, student, unpaid volunteer, intern rate
- Membership D: \$100, sustaining member<sup>1</sup>
- Membership E: \$0, financial hardship rate for members experiencing extenuating and acute financial hardship<sup>2</sup>
- Membership F: \$100, institutional member<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Membership tier D members demonstrate their dedication to MAC by providing the organization with a dependable source of revenue to support the MAC mission, programs, and activities. Sustaining member names are listed in the PDF program for the Annual Meeting (optional).

<sup>2</sup>To be eligible for one-year of Membership E status, a member must: a) be a current MAC member in good standing for the last 2 years; b) have loss of income through termination, resignation, contract end, layoff, furlough, or government shutdown; and c) have not used the financial hardship rate within the last 3 years.

<sup>3</sup>Membership tiers A-E include: a) discounted registration fees for the spring Annual Meeting, Fall Symposium, and other educational offerings throughout the year; b) electronic access to the quarterly *MAC Newsletter*, MAC's semiannual refereed journal *Archival Issues*, and the online MAC Membership Directory; and c) voting rights for the annual MAC Business Meeting and via ballot for MAC Council and other leadership positions. Membership tier F includes benefits a-b.