



Membership Categories

The Association has expanded its membership from the one category for individuals to three categories comprising two for individuals and one for corporate membership. The three categories of membership are: Community Member, Professional Member and Corporate Member.

All Members will have access to the AGA website Members Page and all AGA communications and data. For prescribed fee determined from time to time by the Board, all Members apply to advertise the services they may offer in relation to energy use on a Public Directory page of AGA's website.

The two categories of **individual membership** are:

1. **Community Member** is an individual person, who has an interest in the nature or use of geothermal energy that is not necessarily a Professional Interest. Examples include persons who are interested in knowing more about geothermal energy, where it is located, what it can be used for and its substantial deliverability, sustainability and environment benefits. Commercial, industrial and residential users of low pollution energy, engineers, building designers and architects, governmental agencies and energy regulators may be potential candidates for this category of membership. A Community Member will have access to the AGA website Members Page and all AGA communications and data.
2. **Professional Member** is an individual person who has or seeks to develop a Professional Interest such as expertise or employment experience in the identification, characterisation, assessment, recovery, development, production or use of geothermal energy or involvement in research, education, teaching or training related to the characterisation, assessment, recovery, development, production or use of geothermal energy.

A Professional Membership includes an Affiliated Membership to the International Geothermal Association ([Affiliated Membership – International Geothermal Association \(lovegeothermal.org\)](http://lovegeothermal.org)).

Professional Members have the option of being included in a Basic Listing on a directory that will be accessible to the public on the AGA website. A Basic Listing includes name, contact details and the geothermal industry sector or services with which the Member is associated. The listing can be upgraded and expanded to a Premium Listing by payment of an additional fee. The listing can be linked to the Professional Member's own website and an expanded entry in the Public Directory hosted on AGA's website which advertises services offered by Professional Members.

A Professional Member is entitled to apply for certification as a practising professional, within a certain field of geothermal energy expertise, under any certification scheme that the Association's Board might from time to time endorse, approve and apply.

3. **A Corporate Member** is an Australian registered corporation or corporation which is, or has an interest in, carrying on business in Australia involving: (a) the exploration for, or discovery, assessment, recovery, development, production or use of, geothermal energy; or (b) the provision of education, training, goods or services associated with the exploration for, or discovery, assessment, recovery, development, production or use of, geothermal energy.

A Corporate Member will be entitled to, on terms and conditions as may be determined from time to time by the Board,

- a) nominate up to five (5) individuals for Professional Membership under conditions described below;

- b) a reduced fee for stands or booths at conferences or seminars run or endorsed by the Association;
- c) be listed and have a link to its own website in a directory hosted on the website of the Association which advertises goods and services offered by Corporate Members;
- d) display its official logo on the website of the Association;
- e) display the AGA logo and disclose they are an AGA member on their website and other AGA communication and promotional material;
- f) display on the AGA website one case study of an associated project of their choice; and
- g) nominate topics and issues relevant to facilitating the promotion and expansion of the geothermal sector for consideration by AGA's Board as potential discussion points with relevant authorities under the AGA banner.

Membership Fees

The annual membership fees (A\$) for each category of membership are payable at the Members Page of AGA's website as follows:

- Community Member - \$50
- Professional Member - \$125
- Corporate Member - \$1,250

AGA's Board may from time to time resolve to implement or vary any conditions or formalities required for a person or corporation to apply for, qualify and be admitted as a member of any category of membership including the annual subscription fees, benefits, entitlements, and obligations for each category of membership. By applying for membership of AGA each applicant agrees to accept and comply with AGA's **Code of Ethics**. On admission as a Member of AGA an applicant will be bound to comply with the terms of the Code of Ethics which will be accessible to applicants at AGA's website.

A Corporate Member may nominate up to five individual persons (but not corporations, associations or trusts) who may be, but are not required to be, its employees, to become a Professional Member, in which case, the annual membership fees for each nominated member will be waived for each year that the Corporate Member remains a Corporate Member and has paid its annual subscription fee. A Corporate Member may nominate additional persons to become Professional Members or Community Members. Each of those additional persons may be admitted by the Board to be a member of the Association on payment by the Corporate Member for each of those additional persons an annual subscription fee as prescribed from time to time by the Board. The membership of a person who was appointed as a member of the Association following nomination by a Corporate Member will continue while the Corporate Member retains its membership of the Association and pays its annual subscription fees. A Community Member or Professional Member whose membership is terminated by the act or omission of a Corporate Member may reapply to become a member without being nominated by the Corporate Member.

Board of Directors

A candidate for election as a Director of the AGA at an Annual General Meeting must be a current financial Member of the Association whose written nomination has been signed by two other financial Members who are not be employed by the candidate, an employer of the candidate or an employer that is a related corporation of the employer of the candidate.

Appointment to Committees or Special Interest Groups

At the discretion of the Board, an individual member including a member nominated by a Corporate Member but not a Corporate Member itself, may be appointed by the Board to or removed from a committee of the Association or a Special Interest Group (SIG). A SIG is a committee of members, established by and on terms set out by the Board, who share a common interest in or education about or research in respect of a specific sector, technology, application or activity in or relating to Australian geothermal energy.

Any member (other than a Corporate Member but including individual members nominated and whose subscription fee is included in the Corporate Membership fee or paid for by a Corporate Member) is entitled to: (a) attend, take part in all discussions and vote at any general meeting of the Association in respect of any matter on which a member is entitled to vote; (b) attend functions of the Association; and (c) elect to become or cease to be a member of, or to benefit from affiliate membership of, any organisation, including the International Geothermal Association, with which the Association has entered into an agreement, to the extent that the agreement entitles members of the Association to become affiliated members of that external organisation.

Sponsorship

The Board may accept or reject any application of any Member or other person to become a Sponsor of the Association on terms and conditions determined or varied by the Board from time to time.