

# Membership Policy

NNREC is a membership corporation under Nevada law, and the Board of Directors is elected by the membership. Membership is provided for by Article III – Membership and Article IV – Meetings of the Council, of the bylaws.

**Membership Year** - The membership year is the calendar year, January 1 to December 31.

**Categories and Dues** - The following membership categories and dues are established:

Regular	\$20	for persons supportive of the mission of NNREC
Professional	\$40	for persons supportive of the mission of NNREC and employed in a position with a significant responsibility in environmental or natural resource education
Nonprofit	\$60	for nonprofit organizations supportive of the mission of NNREC
Institutional	\$80	for agencies and businesses supportive of the mission of NNREC

**Member Benefits** – The benefits of membership in NNREC will be:

1. voting at the annual meeting to elect the Board of Directors, and in any other matter before the membership including modification of bylaws (see specific policy)
2. nominating persons for election to the Board of Directors
3. serving on the Board of Directors, if elected, and on standing and ad-hoc committees of the organization, if selected by the Board of Directors (see specific policy)
4. attending conferences and other functions of the organization, for which membership is required; additional fees may be set for the services provided (see specific policy)
5. receiving printed newsletters, usually one per year, and email newsletters, usually once per month
6. support of the activities and mission of NNREC

Professional Membership adds:

7. invitation to participate in the Advisory Council which meets once or twice per year to advise the board
8. subscription to Clearing Magazine (quarterly)

Nonprofit and institutional membership adds:

9. recognition on the NNREC website
10. free posting of jobs, events, workshops, links and other information on the NNREC website
11. provision of one web page for any entity that does not have a web site

**Nonprofit and Institutional Members** – The benefits of institutional membership are vested in the contact person shown on the membership form. This person may vote to elect the Board of Directors, and in any other matter before the members, may nominate, may serve on committees, and may attend conferences and other functions. Neither the nonprofit or institution, nor the contact person, may serve on the Board of Directors except if the person is also a regular or professional member and receives this benefit through that membership.

**Application for Membership** – Application will be by printed form (newsletter, brochure, and other forms), online form, or online payment. All methods will gather necessary contact information including name, mailing address, and email. Other information of use may be gathered.

**Newsletter** – Members will receive any printed newsletter published during their membership year. Members will be retained on the mailing list for a period of six months after the expiration of their membership, and will receive newsletters and other mailing, but will have none of the other benefits of membership.

**Complimentary Newsletter** – Any individual, organization, agency or business may request a complimentary newsletter, in writing. This complimentary service will expire at the end of the calendar year, the same a membership, and must be renewed in writing.

**E-Newsletter** – Any individual, organization, agency or business may become a member of the E-Newsletter email group. Members providing email addresses on their membership form will be added to the group..

**Removal of Members** – Any member of NNREC may be removed by vote of the Board of Directors. A member will be given written notice by registered mail at least ten (10) days before the consideration of this action by the Board of Directors, and may be present at this meeting of the Board of Directors and may speak to the board on this issue.

**Membership Database** – A database of members will be maintained to allow the printing of mailing labels, the maintenance of email groups, and other purposes the board may decide.

**Sharing of Membership Information** – The membership database will never be directly shared with other individuals, organizations, agencies or businesses. Mailing labels may be provided to others, or NNREC may mail items for others, only upon vote of the Board of Directors. The labels must clearly state that the source of the label is NNREC. The board will consider the importance of the mailing and alignment with the mission, objectives and activities of NNREC in making a decision to provide mailing labels or to mail items. Any member may make a request in writing that their information not be shared and this will be respected in all cases.