



Society for Marketing
Professional Services

SMPS Member Type Definitions:

(“Regular” member refers to those individuals who are not student, retired, or lifetime members.)

- **New Regular Member.** An individual who is new to SMPS.
- **Renewing Regular Member.** A member who renews his/her membership annually.
- **Reinstating Regular Member.** A member who has let his/her membership lapse more than three months and wishes to rejoin after being dropped. This member may reinstate their membership any time and pay the standard renewal dues.
- **Student Member.** Student membership in the Society is available to students enrolled in a full-time study program at an accredited post-secondary institution or to part-time students who are not employed full-time in the A/E/C industry or not otherwise eligible for regular membership in SMPS. A Student member is not eligible to vote or to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Once a student member no longer qualifies under the above requirements, he/she may continue his/her SMPS membership one additional year for \$25.
- **Transfer Member.** A transfer member is an individual who has taken over the remainder of another member’s membership. This person may or may not be new to SMPS or to a chapter. They have simply taken over a membership their firm has paid for previously (see Interim Member below). There is no cost to transfer a membership.
- **Interim Member.** When a member leaves a firm that paid for his/her membership, the firm may “transfer” that SMPS membership to another individual. If they do so, the member who has left the firm automatically becomes an Interim member (at no cost) continuing his/her membership through the original expiration date.
- **Life Member.** Distinguished Life membership in the Society is automatically awarded to each National President of the Society upon completion of his or her term of office. In addition, the Board of Directors may award Distinguished Life membership to other individuals who have made extraordinary contributions towards enabling the Society to accomplish its purposes and goals. Distinguished Life members shall be exempt from payment of membership dues.
- **Emeritus Member.** Emeritus membership is available to any regular member in good standing who is retired and who has been an active member of SMPS for a minimum of 15 years. Upon electing this status, an Emeritus member will no longer be eligible to vote or to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.