

ASCLS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CHANGES 2018

OVERVIEW

In March, the ASCLS Board of Directors approved changes to the Society's membership dues, which is part of a multiyear effort to modernize and simplify ASCLS membership structures. These changes will be in effect for the coming Society year and will be reflected in the upcoming renewals for 2018-2019 ASCLS membership.

In addition to these policy changes made by the Board of Directors, the House of Delegates will be considering a number of bylaws changes to support the streamlining process. Those changes will be detailed in an upcoming article in *ASCLS Today*.

1. ASCLS professional memberships will be combined to one category

Both Professional I and Professional II memberships will renew to a combined Professional membership at a rate of \$96*. New members will join at a rate of \$108*.

2. First Year Professional rates are good for 5 years

For renewing First Year Professionals, they will continue to a First Year Professional II at a rate of \$48*. Students will renew to a First Year Professional I at a rate of \$48*. New members will join at a rate of \$60*.

3. Collaborative membership changes

Previously, Collaborative membership was open to anyone with a membership in another organization. Validating continuing membership in another organization is nearly impossible to efficiently accomplish so we have removed that requirement. With these recent changes by the Board, Collaborative membership is now open to anyone, but the benefits have been narrowed to align with the lower dues paid by these members (see chart comparing membership options on next page).

This is considered a non-professional membership. This membership does not count toward the calculation of years of service for emeritus membership status. The new rate for Collaborative members is \$60*. New members will join at a rate of \$72*.

4. Emeritus membership will be calculated differently

This category is now open to any individual whose age and years of continuous service are equal to or greater than 90. As always, if you are eligible for this status, please email ascls@ascls.org to update your record.

5. Sustaining Membership status added

Sustaining Members are many of ASCLS's most loyal and engaged members who have approached the leadership about finding ways to provide more resources to support the Society's mission. A new Sustaining Membership can be added to any other membership for \$100 each year and carries with it some new perks that will help these dedicated members stand out for the profession. For the 2018-19 renewal year, this rate is set at \$100.

6. Student membership cost will decrease

Rates for both a renewing and joining student will be \$24*

**plus state dues*

MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND BENEFITS

	Student	First Year Professional (1-5)	Professional	Emeritus	Collaborative
Membership in Scientific Assemblies of your choice	X	X	X	X	X
Subscription to ASCLS Today	X	X	X	X	X
Subscription to Clinical Laboratory Science Journal	X	X	X	X	X
Automatic reporting of CE to the BOC	NA	X	X	X	
Eligible to vote and choose leadership.	X	X	X	X	
State Level Event Registration Discounts	X	X	X	X	X
Unlimited access to ALL Forums on the ASCLS Connect online community	X	X	X	X	
Eligibility for continuous membership needed to qualify for Emeritus membership status	X	X	X	NA	
Member discounts on all ASCLS products and events	X	X	X	X	
Leadership opportunities to serve on national committees, taskforces, or delegate in the HOD	X	X	X	X	

All members will have access to the Clinical Laboratory Science journal, which is now on a new platform, indexed and integrated with the rest of the healthcare community, using a platform developed at Stanford University and utilized by hundreds of other organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Heart Association, and the British Medical Journal.