



Application for Voting Membership

Terms of Membership

NISO welcomes all publishers, for-profit, and larger non-profit organizations that serve the global library community and that have an active interest in collaborating on information standards:

NISO fosters the development and maintenance of standards that facilitate the creation, persistent management, and effective interchange of information so that it can be trusted for use in research and learning. To fulfill this mission, NISO engages libraries, publishers, information aggregators, and other organizations that support learning, research, and scholarship. NISO engages with intersecting communities of interest and across the entire lifecycle of an information standard.

NISO Voting Details

Voting Membership is valid upon submission of this application form—including appointment of a VOTING and ALTERNATIVE representative as well as a BILLING representative with the selection of an interest category—along with payment of the current year’s membership dues.

The NISO membership year is January-December. New memberships that begin after March 31 will be pro-rated for the remaining term of the calendar year. Renewal membership dues are assessed annually in October for the following calendar year. Payment is due on January 1st of each year.

Voting Members are required to participate in all leadership and procedural votes for the organization and are expected to vote on ballots for proposed new projects, standards voting pool ballots, and final standards for which a member has joined a voting pool.

Voting Members of NISO receive free of charge electronic copies of: draft for comment or trial use and published NISO standards and recommended practices, technical reports, white papers, NISO's monthly newsletter, Newslines, and NISO's quarterly newsletter, Working Group Connection. Members receive special pricing on all NISO educational programs including Webinars, virtual conferences, and in-person forums. There are opportunities to promote your products or services through sponsorships in our educational programs, Newslines, and on NISO website.

Voting Members who are based in the United States also participate as members of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO Technical Committee 46 on Information and Documentation—NISO’s counterpart at the international level—and its four subcommittees. Voting members can vote and comment on draft international standards from these ISO committees.



Table 1: 2018 Membership Dues Scale

Level	Gross Revenue/Operating Expenses	NISO Membership Dues
A	\$ 100,000,000+	\$ 14,330
B	\$ 40,000,000 - \$ 99,999,999	\$ 11,020
C	\$ 15,000,000 – \$ 39,999,999	\$ 9,460
D	\$ 7,000,000 – \$ 14,999,999	\$ 7,380
E	\$ 3,000,000 - \$6,999,999	\$ 4,390
F	\$ 500,000 - \$2,999,999	\$ 2,810
G	Less than \$ 499,999	\$ 1,870

For profit corporations: NISO dues are based on a company’s total gross revenue. A Voting Member is considered to be the parent company. A division, affiliate, or subsidiary can join as a Voting Member, but the dues will be assessed at the rate appropriate for the parent organization. If the parent company is already a Voting Member, and a division, affiliate, or subsidiary wants to join separately, the fee for the affiliate, division, or subsidiary is based on their individual gross revenue.

Non-profit and government agencies: NISO dues are based on total operating expenses (excluding any pass-through monies, cost of goods sold, etc.).

Table 2: Interest Category Descriptions

Category	Description
Supplier	Members in the Supplier interest category may be content or service providers. A content provider is an organization that produces intellectual content in any media for distribution or sale. A content provider generally will own the intellectual rights (or in the case of a reseller, the resale rights) to the content and the right to license the content to service providers or end users. Examples: Publisher, A&I organization, content aggregator, industry or trade organization that represents content providers. A service provider is an organization that offers products (other than content), technology (hardware or software), or services that relate to, use, or incorporate NISO standards or recommendations. Examples: ILS vendor, metasearch software vendor, application service provider, industry or trade organization that represents service providers, seller of library supplies and materials (other than content), a consultant that recommends products or services.
User	The user or consumer of products, systems, or services that relate to, use, or incorporate NISO standards or recommendations. The user may be an intermediary between the product/service and the ultimate end user, e.g., a library. Examples: Libraries, library consortia, professional organizations that represent users.
General Interest	An organization that on its own encompasses two or more of the above categories or includes a membership of diverse interests. Examples: a professional or trade organization that represents both content/service providers and users; a company that provides both content and services (that are both related to the standard in question); a government agency with dual roles as a content provider and user.



Voting Membership Application Form

Please indicate your organization's relevant fee category (see [Table 1](#) above) and interest category (see [Table 2](#) above) and complete all of the remaining information.

Please mail this form along with payment to:

Operations Manager, National Information Standards Organization, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 302, Baltimore, MD 21211-1948 nisohq@niso.org

Any questions about membership may be submitted to Kimberly Graham, Membership Engagement Manager, at kgraham@niso.org or 301.654.2512.

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the National Information Standards Organization

FEE CATEGORY

INTEREST CATEGORY

The principal location of our organization is:

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE / PROVINCE

ZIP / POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY

PHONE NUMBER

FAX

WEBSITE URL

Our primary voting representative is:

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE (optional)

JOB TITLE

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE / PROVINCE

ZIP/POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY

PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL

FAX



Our alternate voting representative is:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE (optional)	
JOB TITLE			
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE / PROVINCE	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL	FAX	

Our BILLING representative is:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE (optional)	
JOB TITLE			
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE / PROVINCE	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL	FAX	

You may identify as many additional non-voting representatives as you wish. Each identified individual will receive a log-in id to the member area of the NISO website and all of the NISO member communications, allowing them to be directly informed of NISO-related activities. Please attach additional sheets as needed including the same information provided for the voting representatives.

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