CASBO Membership Questions and Answers

Q: Why did CASBO change the structure of its membership dues?
A: We understand that school business professionals have diverse and individualized needs and we are committed to tailoring our programs and tools to provide a network of information that works for you. These days we have information at our fingertips and unlimited options to choose from, and we believe your access to CASBO benefits should be just a comprehensive. With the new CASBO membership, you have the ability to choose what level of access meets your needs.

Q: How will my new membership be different?
A: Prior to the new CASBO benefits structure, members had access to a one size fits all level of membership, which was based on a percentage of an individual member’s annual salary. We’ve simplified the process and provided you options to tailor your benefits. Now, you have access to varying levels of the CASBO network, with four individual access levels. Districts, county offices of education and business partners can look forward to enhanced benefits in the very near as well.

Individual members may choose from the following four levels of access to CASBO benefits: Aspiring Access, Career Accelerator Access, Distinguished Access and Executive Access.

Q: What are the new membership levels?
A: Members have the opportunity to choose the level of access to CASBO benefits that fit their individual needs. New benefits include:

Aspiring Access Level allows members to utilize CASBO’s membership directory, tap into professional councils and contribute to the CASBO network by participating in an association committee, receive the complimentary quarterly newsletter and receive workshop discounts. (Annual payment of $135)

Career Accelerator Level connects you to an extensive video library, CASBO’s statewide job listings, our bi-weekly newsletter, our advocacy updates, a variety of affinity discounts, the opportunity to explore CASBO’s new website, and handsome discounts to workshops and conference. (Annual payment of $275) access statewide job listings,

Distinguished Access Level provides access to CASBO’s Career Center and provides the opportunity to participate in community forum discussions, develop a featured member profile, join CASBO’s mobile app and blog and publish content to share with the CASBO network. (Annual payment of $475)

Executive Access Level provides exclusive access to CASBO events, trusted community coaching, preferred pricing at leadership training, executive round table session at conference. (Annual payment of $750)
Q: Can members upgrade at any time?
A: Yes, members can upgrade at any time. For more information about the levels of access to the CASBO network, visit www.casbo.org.

Q: Will my membership auto renew?
A: Yes, your membership will auto renew to the access level that provides similar benefits to your current membership. You always have the option to opt out or upgrade to a different access level.

Q: If I updated my membership earlier this year, when will I become eligible for the new CASBO membership levels?
A: Beginning September 1, 2013, as your renewal date approaches you will receive a renewal notification with information on CASBO’s new membership levels that fit your professional development needs. If you renewed your membership prior to September 1, 2013, you will become eligible a year from the date of that renewal. Again, members of the CASBO network are always eligible to upgrade access levels.

Q: Does this change affect my payroll deduction?
A: Yes. All members are now able to set up monthly dues payments using a credit or debit card. CASBO will be contacting all members who are currently enrolled in payroll deduction to walk them through the process of setting up their payments directly with CASBO. CASBO will also work with your payroll office to ensure a seamless transition from payroll deduction to the CASBO payment system.

Q: If I am a retiree, what level of membership access do I have access to?
A: CASBO retiree’s will automatically renew to the Career Accelerator level, which provides similar benefits, including access to CASBO’s video library, affinity discounts, comprehensive online tools and website and discounts to conference. Retiree membership is only available to those who were CASBO members at the time of retirement.

Q: Will my membership be more expensive?
A: No. Membership dues, in most cases, will be reduced for individual members while providing similar benefits.

Q: Does everyone pay the same amount for each level of membership?
A: Depending on the access level you choose, the dues amount will be the same amount for everyone who selects that particular level. For example, members that subscribe to the Career Accelerator Level will pay the same $275 annual rate. The rates for each access level are as follows:

Aspiring Access Level - $135
Career Accelerator Level - $275
Distinguished Access Level - $475
Executive Access Level - $750