



MISAC

MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

**Providing Valuable Resources for
Local Government IT Professionals**



MISAC Membership Benefits

Take a look at just a few of the reasons MISAC is experiencing exponential growth:

- 1. MUNITECH ACADEMY** – MISAC’s joint venture partnership, MuniTech Academy, features a curriculum of state-of-the-art IT courses taught by the country’s premier instructors and designed specifically for local government IT professionals. Although attendance is open to anyone, MISAC members enjoy a significant tuition discount—usually more than the cost of membership!
- 2. MISAC LISTSERVE** – Considered by many to be MISAC’s #1 member benefit, the MISAC Listserve provides a time-saving instantaneous mechanism for members to consult with peers on critical professional issues and concerns. MISAC members LOVE their listserve and you will too! A great way to stay up-to-date on issues affecting your professional career!
- 3. MISAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE** – MISAC’s Annual Conference, held in the fall of each year, provides members the opportunity to mix and mingle with peers from every corner of California—and beyond! In addition, educational opportunities abound with scores of timely and enlightening breakout and general sessions.
- 4. RECOGNITION** – One of the highlights of the conference is the annual Excellence in IT Awards presentation where members are feted for their accomplishments. A little secret—MISAC members have been known to show off their awards when they get back to their city or district and are rewarded with the resources to win an award the following year!
- 5. CHAPTERS** – MISAC’s three chapters (Northern, Central, and Southern) hold meetings throughout the year. These get-togethers provide members with the opportunity to rub elbows with their peers, learn from the featured, on-target presentations, and have a bit of fun.
- 6. CAREER ADVANCEMENT** – MISAC’s Career Center has proven to be the “go-to” place for local governments looking for quality qualified IT professionals. Over 100 IT openings were posted in 2015!
- 7. PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS** - Membership in MISAC provides members the opportunity to initiate and grow professional, peer-to-peer relationships. Through these relationships, members learn practical, best practice solutions to challenges they encounter.
- 8. PERSONAL GROWTH** – Participation in professional trade associations provide immeasurable opportunities. Many MISAC members experience tremendous personal growth and satisfaction by serving in leadership positions within the organization whether it be at the chapter or state level.

MISAC Membership FAQs

Who can be a member of MISAC?

Technically speaking, the actual MISAC members are California cities and special districts. When the city or district joins, a representative of the entity is assigned as the "Primary." The individual assigned as the "Primary" is the full-voting member.

Does that mean only one person from a member agency can participate in MISAC?

No. Other IT employees from a member entity can participate by becoming "Associate" members. There is no limit to the number of "Associates" from a member agency.

Can a vendor become a MISAC member?

No, membership in MISAC is open only to California cities and special districts. Vendors participate in MISAC by becoming Strategic Partners, exhibiting at the MISAC Annual Conference, and/or becoming a sponsor at the conference.

How much does it cost to join MISAC?

MISAC dues are an absolute bargain for the value offered! "Full" dues for a city or special district are \$160 per year. "Associate" dues are \$130 per year.

Are chapter dues additional?

No, chapter dues are included in the annual fee for the "Full" and all "Associate Members."

How do I join MISAC?

The easiest way to join is online. Go to www.misac.org and click on "Join MISAC" in the upper right hand corner. Follow the prompts from there. If you are the first person from your city or district to join, sign up as "FULL." If your city or district already has a "FULL," sign up as an "ASSOCIATE." MISAC's membership year runs from September 1-August 31. Consequently, your dues may be pro-rated.

How do I get added to the listserve?

As soon as your application and payment have been received and approved, you will automatically be added to the listserve.

How will I know my application and payment have been received?

Usually within two working days, you will receive an email welcoming you to MISAC. In addition, you will immediately begin receiving emails from the listserve.

I have more questions. Who should I contact?

You can send an email to support@misac.org or you can call the MISAC office at (888) 960-7570 and ask for Brad or Karen.

Visit misac.org and join today!

Here's What Members Have to Say...

"Through my MISAC membership, I have received discounted training opportunities that have helped me obtain certifications I use on the job every day."

"Via the MISAC listserv, MISAC members share issues and resolutions on a daily basis. Frequently, this has saved me significant money and time and always has helped me relook at my perspective and consider alternative resources."

"The listserv is worth its weight in gold when you need information or advice on purchases, policies, best practices, software and hardware decisions, network issues, etc."

"MISAC allows IT Managers/Directors in geographically remote areas or geographically separate cities to connect via the listserv and conferences."

"The Excellence Award has provided me an opportunity to showcase the areas where we are excelling and to identify areas where improvement is needed. In addition, having something to share with the elected officials that shows we are doing things correctly has helped further develop the department and project initiatives."

"Chapter meetings show the awesome power of networking! Whenever I attend one, I learn something new that I can implement immediately that helps me in my day-to-day functions."

"When I first joined, I had a couple members take me under their wing. They introduced me to key contacts at local agencies and to valuable vendors. They helped me develop my management practices and skills all the while pushing me to be active and share with other members."

"It is literally impossible to put a value on the collective wisdom of hundreds of municipal IT professionals. In addition to the educational opportunities, the ability of MISAC members to share experiences—what has worked as well as what hasn't—is purely invaluable. MISAC members have experience with all sorts of technical issues; that experience is easy to draw upon by utilizing the online forum/ list serve, chapter meetings, and Annual Conferences."

"I've found it invaluable for comparing notes (i.e., the Listserv and carpooling to and attending Chapter meetings) on almost everything. My City has derived several hundred fold in benefit (cost savings, research labor) on the time I've invested—DOJ issues, State and Fed regulations, Windows issues, heads up on vendors and sourcing, video surveillance, all the municipal-specific applications."



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