



## Thoughts on Membership Levels

### Draft memo

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This is a summary of the “current thinking” of the Governance Committee about the next generation of our membership program.

Our initial membership program basically amounted to, “Charge \$100.” There are two types of membership: Free and paid. The new program will have levels of membership based on company size.

### Professional Member vs. Registered Guest

The Governance Committee reported in July that they strongly believed that even to use the word member for individuals who have not joined and paid something was not in the best interest of NSITP or paying members. They recommended changing the title to Registered Guest and differentiated between the two as follows:

#### Registered Guest

Free

- Available to self-designated MSP, VAR, Vendor, Educator, Media, etc.
- Receive public email updates about the organization
- Can attend public meetings
- Understands the NSITSP code of ethics

#### Professional Member

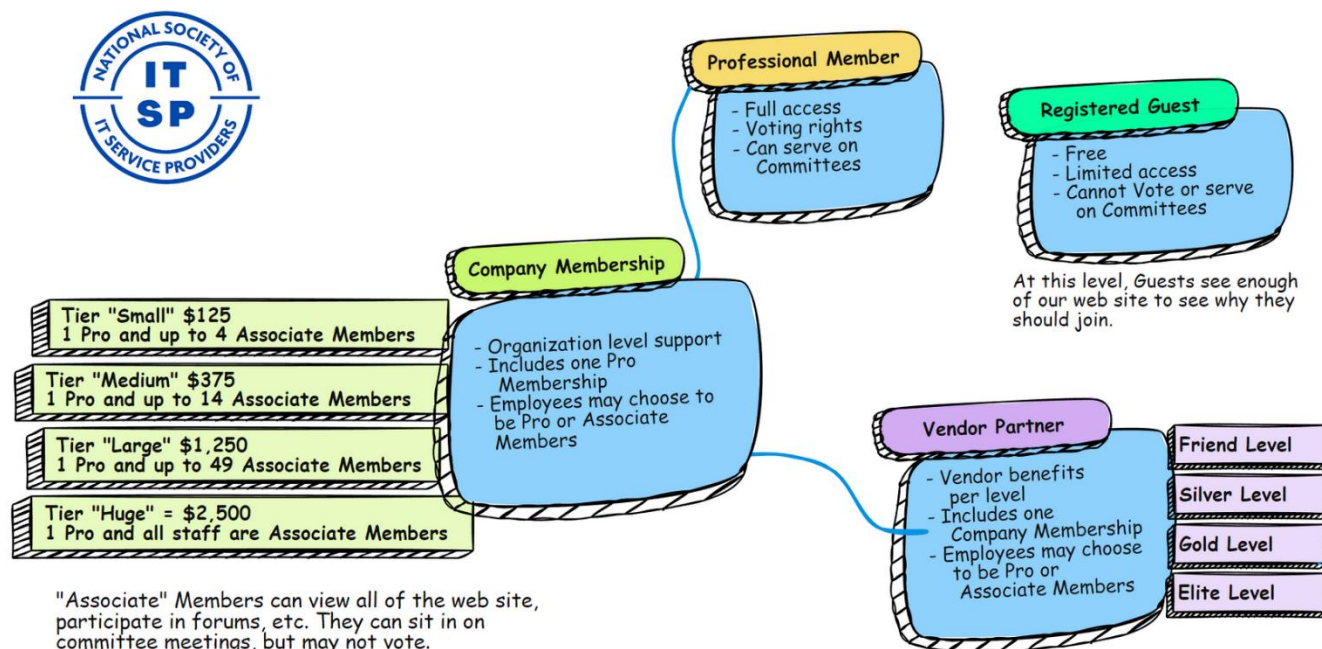
\$100 or more

- Available to self-designated MSP, VAR, Vendor, Educator, Media, etc.
- Access to members-only information on the website such as: reports, files, membership directory and forums
- Access to training regarding ethics and industry best practices\*
- Legislative updates and advocacy guidance\*
- Attend public, private and committee meetings
- Can vote in NSITSP elections
- Listed in the Membership Directory
- Can serve on Committees
- Member to member communication
- Receive digital membership logo to use for website, business cards, etc.
- Adhere to the NSITSP code of ethics

\*in development

### The New Membership Program

After many meetings, the Governance Committee proposes the following membership program for discussion.



## Registered Guest

- See description above

## Professional Membership

- Proposed membership fee = \$125
- This is an individual, who might be any person working in the IT industry
- Has all the member benefits listed above

## Company Membership

- Four tiers of member, based on company size
  - Note: Names listed here are simply place-holders
- Each company will have one paid, professional membership, to be designated during onboarding. This one member will be the only voting company member and may sit on committees and enjoy all the benefits of a full professional member.
- Other company employees will be Associate Members. Associate members have full access to the web site, including forums, meeting archives, etc. They do not have voting rights and cannot run for office. They can sit in on committee meetings as non-voting members.

## Vendor Partners (Note: The Vendor Partner Program is already in place)

- Each Vendor Partnership includes one Company Membership
- As a result, each Vendor Partner can designate one Professional member. All other employees maybe considered Associate members.