

Membership Categories

Clinical members are clinical professionals who are active at the *Member* or *Fellow* level of membership in the American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA). Clinical members may participate in all the affairs and activities of AGPS, including voting and holding the office of President.

Associate members are clinical professionals and *Associate* members of AGPA. *Associate* members may participate in all the affairs and activities of AGPA, including voting and holding office, except they cannot hold the office of the President.

Affiliate members are mental health professionals who are interested in group psychotherapy but are not members of AGPA. *Affiliate* members may participate in all the affairs and activities of AGPS with the exception of voting and holding elected office.

Student members are enrolled in training programs to become mental health professionals. They must include proof of student status when completing their membership applications, such as a photocopy of a student ID or copy of current class schedule. *Student* members may participate in all the affairs and activities of AGPS with the exception of voting and holding elected office.

Honorary members are clinical professionals in retirement or who have left the Austin area and have been nominated and approved for lifetime membership. *Honorary* members may participate in all the affairs and activities of AGPS with the exception of voting and holding office.

Membership Levels

Benefactor and *Sustainer* level members have the unique opportunity to contribute beyond regular membership dues to promote the professional activities and community outreach of AGPS. In addition to all the benefits at the Contributor level of membership listed below, *Benefactors* and *Sustainers* also have the benefit to be specially recognized in spring and fall issues of *The Voice*, the widely circulated newsletter of AGPS.

Contributor Level members receive all the great benefits of AGPS membership including: complimentary listing of their group offerings in *The Voice* and on our AGPS website, fall and spring issues of *The Voice*, invitations to spring and fall training conferences featuring nationally recognized group psychotherapy facilitators, invitations to several training workshops led by experienced practitioners from Austin's own group therapy community, and invitation to the annual AGPS fall party. Often our professional enhancement opportunities provide necessary continuing educational credits at an affordable fee.

Austin Group Psychotherapy Society is growing and you can look forward to more opportunities to be involved in AGPS in the near future.