

Membership Classifications, continued:

Non-Voting Members do not meet the requirements of voting membership but wish to participate in all WAPAC events and receive all WAPAC mailings.

The categories of non-voting membership are:

1. **Associate Member** - does not meet the requirements of voting membership and/or the majority of his/her income is derived from selling products / applications. (Associate members may request retired status when they no longer engage in the paid activities of Associate members as a primary source of income.)
2. **Provisional Member** - possesses all qualifications required of voting members but lacks either education, certification or experience requirements of the discipline. Provisional members are working toward becoming voting members.
3. **Sustaining Member** - an individual, corporation or organization wishing to support WAPAC.
4. **Student Member** - enrolled in an accredited college or university. Students may remain in this classification for one year following graduation.

Once submitted, your membership application form is reviewed by the WAPAC Membership & Recruitment Committee. Upon approval of your application by the committee, you will be sent a written statement of acceptance.

WAPAC Dues

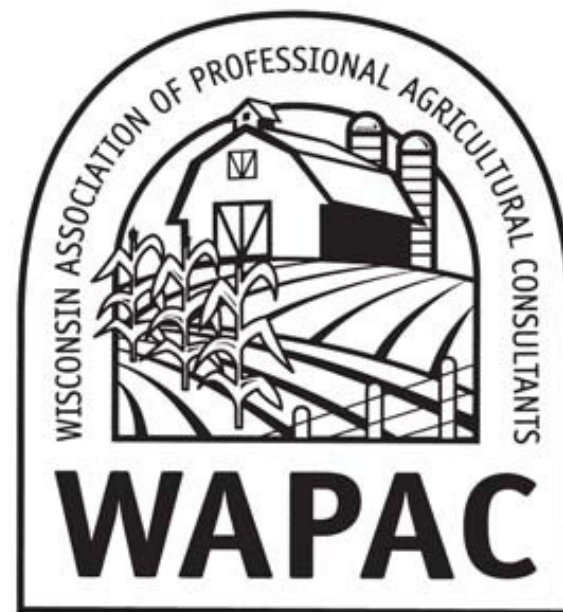
Professional Ag Consultant \$ 75
Academic Member \$ 75
Associate Member \$ 50
Provisional Member \$ 50
Sustaining Member \$200
Student Member \$10

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Membership Information

What is WAPAC?

The Wisconsin Association of Professional Agricultural Consultants (WAPAC) was formed in 1987 to provide a unified voice for professionals advising farmers in Wisconsin.

WAPAC's diverse membership includes crop consultants, animal nutritionists, farm managers, educators and a wide array of farm service industry advisors, giving the Association many sources of experience from which to draw for problem solving.

WAPAC's annual meeting and its New Horizons Seminar provide forums for the exchange of ideas of a technical nature as well as the more practical matters of operating a consulting business.

The Association exists to foster professionalism and a high level of ethics within its membership. Members subscribe to a code of ethics based on the ARCPACS model which is designed to maintain integrity and the reputation of agricultural professionals.

WAPAC's goal is to promote agricultural consulting as a profession and to elevate the public's perception of the role of consultants in agriculture.

Benefits of WAPAC Membership

WAPAC provides a unified voice in expressing concerns and philosophy of agricultural consulting in Wisconsin.

WAPAC promotes professionalism and credibility for consultants.

All members receive the quarterly WAPAC newsletter, New Horizons, which is a vehicle for communication among consultants.

WAPAC's Annual Meeting and New Horizons Seminar provide opportunities for advanced training and exchange of ideas.

WAPAC provides a network for referral of members.

WAPAC provides a directory of members which is available to the public.

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Voting Members devote a majority of their time to providing professional agricultural consulting services or technical service support to the public and meet the requirements of training and experience as stated in the WAPAC Bylaws and interpreted by the Membership & Recruitment Committee.

Applicants for voting membership must meet one of these five requirements:

- High school diploma & 10 years experience.
- Associate degree & 7.5 years experience.
- BS degree and 5 years experience.
- MS degree and 3 years experience.
- PhD degree and 1 year experience.

Categories of voting membership are:

- 1. Professional Agricultural Consultant** is certified by and in good standing with a professional organization possessing a certification program and code of ethics in the field of the person's expertise. (In cases where no certifying organization exists for a particular discipline, professional agricultural status will be determined on a case by case basis by the Membership & Recruitment Committee.) Professional agricultural consultants devote a majority of their time to providing professional agricultural consulting services or technical service support rather than to sales.
- 2. Academic Member** - works as an instructor, researcher, extension service member or administrator at a qualified educational institution and is certified and in good standing with a professional organization possessing a certification program and code of ethics in the field of the person's expertise.