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The National Purchasing Institute announces approval of a new membership category. The new “Associate Membership” category will provide membership in NPI, but will not provide the benefits of membership in the Institute for Supply Management (ISM). For benefits of membership in ISM, click [here](#).

*“Associate Membership. Associate membership shall consist of individuals who are qualified for membership, as defined above in Section 1 and 2 of Article IV, but are not members of ISM through another ISM Affiliated Association. Associate membership does not include membership with ISM. Associate Members may vote on NPI matters requiring membership vote.”*

This category is in addition to the following categories:

**Regular Membership** – Regular membership is open to any person meeting the above requirements. Regular membership in this category includes membership in the Institute for Supply Management (ISM).

**Dual Membership** – Dual membership consists of individuals who are qualified for regular voting membership, as defined above, and who are members of other ISM affiliates whose national ISM dues are paid through other such affiliate membership. Dual members have full rights and privileges of NPI regular membership and their NPI dues shall be set lower to reflect the fact that their dues to ISM are paid in another affiliate.

**Student Membership** – Student members are nonvoting, dues-free members of NPI and are considered as a separate membership class for reporting purposes. Student members may be regular or dual members of NPI.

**Retired Membership** – Any regular member whose dues are currently paid on a continuous basis who retires shall continue to be eligible for membership. Retiree membership dues will be half of the current NPI rate.

**Lifetime Membership** – A person who has been a Regular member for a period of ten (10) years or more, has retired from all regular employment, and has been approved for Lifetime Membership by a majority vote of the Regular Members of NPI is eligible for Lifetime Membership. A person who meets this category shall not be charged dues.

**Honorary Membership** – Honorary membership may be granted to non-members who have rendered valuable service to NPI. Any regular member

or any person on the Board of Directors may submit nominations to the voting membership.