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Vision Statement

The Association of Professional Astrologers is committed to the development and maintenance of best practice in the astrological field through the promotion of strong educational standards, professional competency, ethical understanding and integrity.

Benefits of APA Membership

Achieving Professional Membership with the APA is an acknowledgement that you possess the skills and information necessary to counsel or educate in the astrological field.

Membership cannot guarantee that you will be the best in your field; it does however affirm your preparation, experience and commitment that is both recognition of your present abilities and a challenge to continue to improve your skills through such areas as Professional Development programs.

Professional Status

APA Professional Membership offers professional recognition as an Astrological Practitioner with specialised skills and knowledge.

Professional Indemnity Insurance

The APA has been accepted, as an accredited association, for insurance purposes this allows members who are permanent Australian residents to obtain Professional Indemnity and Public Liability insurance at the special insurance rates under the scheme.

Information and Resources

Information and references on issues and matters related to the profession of astrology through newsletters, networks, etc.

Education and Training

Current information on available education and training courses and opportunities available within each State for continuing professional developments whether courses, seminars or workshops.

Universal Recognition

APA Professional membership is the only independent means by which your potential clients can clearly identify your skills from amongst the range of practitioners with stated astrological 'credentials'. Membership with the APA shows publicly that you have achieved a standard of professionalism that is recognised by an accredited Association.

Referral and Support Network

A referral network offers Professional Members opportunities. Members of the public contact the APA for information on astrological practitioners available in geographic areas, either by personal contact or via the APA website. As a Professional Member, you will have a free listing on the APA website once you provide your information. The APA referral network also offers members the combined support, experience and encouragement of other practitioners.

Steps to Becoming an APA Associate or Professional Member

1. Obtain your qualifications as set out above keeping in mind this information.
2. It is a good idea to attend your local Federation of Australian Astrologers Association meetings/conferences while you complete your education and training as you will learn and make connections with APA members who may be willing to provide references to support your application for membership. For information on the FAA go to www.faainc.org.au
3. Once you have completed your astrological education and gained a recognised qualification you can apply for Associate Membership of the APA while you complete the counselling and supervision requirements for Professional Membership.
4. Or if you meet all the requirements you can apply for Professional Membership (astrological qualification, counselling training and supervision hours).
5. Download a relevant membership application form and information from the APA website www.apainc.org.au
6. Check the website for APA members who you know and you believe would be prepared to nominate you as a member or associate member and who may provide references. When ready request these written references.
7. Complete your application for membership/ associate membership making sure to provide all the information required.
8. Preference is for applications and all documentation to be scanned, saved as a PDF and attached to an email to membershipenquiries@apainc.org.au .This allows for the documentation to be forwarded to the members of the Standards Committee for consideration more efficiently.
9. If you are not able to scan and electronically send your documents and application please email membershipenquiries@apainc.org.au for the postal address. It is recommended that you use Express Post so that you can track your item to make sure it is received.

What happens next?

Once your professional /associate membership application is received by the Membership Convenor it will be checked to make sure the application is in order and you will be advised of receipt. If your application is incomplete then the Membership Convenor will contact you for further information as soon as possible.

Once all is in order your application and supporting documentation will be sent on to the Standards Committee to be assessed. The Committee may accept or reject any application. If your application is unsuccessful you will be notified as soon as possible. If your application is approved, you will be informed and you will also be contacted regarding the payment of your joining and membership fees. The joining fee is a one-off fee unless your membership lapses in which case you need to reapply for membership. Associate /Professional Membership fees are paid on being approved to join (a sliding scale dependant on your joining date).

Associate Membership is for a period of a year during which you should be actively working towards Professional Membership by completing the required counselling theory and supervision hours. If you have not completed these requirements after a year you need to apply for an extension of Associate Membership and provide evidence of your progress towards obtaining all the requirements for Professional Membership. If approved you will be required to pay another Associate Membership fee.

Professional Membership fees are due on joining and then each year by the 31st October. You will be issued with a renewal reminder each year by email. If you change your email address please notify the APA Secretary. If you do not receive a reminder the responsibility is on you to remember to renew by paying your fees.

A Certificate of Membership of the APA will be issued when you achieve Professional Membership and posted to you as soon as practicable.

Professional Indemnity Insurance

The APA has been accepted as an accredited association for over 10 years, allowing Professional members who are permanent Australian residents to obtain Professional Indemnity insurance, as well as Public Liability insurance at special rates under the scheme. This is very rewarding for the Association, as few if any, other Astrological Association across the world have been granted professional indemnity insurance.

There was an extensive process for acceptance and success was due to the standards of the Association for membership including the requirements of counselling training and supervision for practising astrologers. Once you are accepted as a Professional Member details of how to access and apply for these benefits will be provided.

APA Code of Conduct

As a member of the Astrological profession I shall at all times abide by the following Code of Behaviour: -

1. I shall conduct myself professionally at all times so as to comply with the generally accepted standards of professional behaviour.
2. I shall, in accordance with astrological principles, render my professional services for no other purpose other than the total wellbeing of my clients.
3. I shall at all times respect the confidentiality of my clients and, apart from the consultation being sought, shall only use their birth data (for any other purpose) with their specific written consent.
4. I shall at all times keep the standard of my professional work as high as possible. I shall endeavour to improve upon my technical skills and professional standards whenever possible.
5. I shall never criticize, condemn or otherwise denigrate a member of the Association in the presence of any client or other layperson. I shall point out astrological error or breach of the professional conduct required under this statement, and shall report such breach to the Secretary of the Association. This clause shall not prevent a member from protecting the reputation of astrology in any forum from fraud or charlatanism.
6. I shall be truthful in all advertising undertaken in the course of my profession.
7. I shall ensure that anyone employed by me shall strictly adhere to the same standards of professional behaviour as long as s/he is employed by me.
8. I shall, upon being found by the APA to have transgressed any of the rules of the Association or this Statement of Professional Behaviour, voluntarily surrender and return all certificates issued by the Association.