

LSPA MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

The Association has four classes of members. The designations, qualifications and rights of each class are as follows:

A. **Voting Member** - Any individual who meets at least one of the following requirements may become a voting member.

1. Any individual who has graduated from an ABA approved program of study for paralegals/legal assistants.
2. Any individual who has graduated from a course of study for paralegals/legal assistants which is institutionally accredited but not ABA approved, and which requires not less than the equivalent of 60 semester hours of classroom study.
3. Any individual who has graduated from a course of study for paralegals/legal assistants other than those set forth in (1) and (2) above, and who also has at least one year of experience as a paralegal under the supervision of a licensed attorney who attests such person is qualified as a paralegal.
4. Any individual who has attained a Bachelor's Degree in any field and has at least one year of experience as a paralegal under the supervision of a licensed attorney who attests such person is qualified as a paralegal.
5. Any individual who has at least three years of experience as a paralegal under the supervision of a licensed attorney who attests such person is qualified as a paralegal.
6. Any individual who has attained the Certified Legal Assistant (CLA) or Certified Paralegal (CP) designation bestowed by the National Association of Legal Assistants or who has attained the Louisiana Certified Paralegal (LCP) designation bestowed by the Louisiana State Paralegal Association.

A voting member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters which require the vote of the members of the Association and shall have the right to make motions and hold office subject to the further requirements set forth under Article VII, Section 1 of the LSPA By-laws.

B. **Associate/Student Member** - Any individual who meets at least one of the following requirements may become an associate/student member.

1. Any individual who is a student in good standing in any approved university, college, junior college or other approved school for pursuing a course of study as a paralegal, provided that all such schools and curricula shall be subject to the approval of this Association.
2. Any working paralegal who does not meet the qualifications for voting membership.

Associate/student members shall not be entitled to vote on matters which require the vote of the members of the Association and shall not have the right to make motions or hold office.

C. **Sustaining Member** - The following may become sustaining members.

1. Any individual, corporation, partnership, organization or other entity interested in supporting the Association.
2. Those members of bar associations endorsing the paralegal concept or involved in the advancement of the paralegal profession.

Sustaining members shall not be entitled to vote on matters which require the vote of the members of the Association and shall not have the right to make motions or hold office.

D. **Honorary Member** - Membership is open to any individual who endorses the paralegal concept or is actively involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession. Approval for membership is subject to a majority vote of the general membership.

Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote on matters which require the vote of the members of the Association and shall not have the right to make motions or hold office.