

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Discounted fees for Monthly luncheons in each region;
- Earn CLEs at monthly luncheons, winter/summer seminars;
- Networking opportunities with other paralegals, legal vendors, sponsors and professionals;
- Yearly subscription to the *NOVUS*, the quarterly newsletter of AAPi;
- Opportunity to join a branch of Alabama Telco Credit Union;
- Access to the AAPi Employment listings;
- Mentorship by an AAPi Board of Directors member;
- Opportunities to win CP/ACP testing fees award (held at the winter/summer seminars);
- Yearly scholarship opportunities for student members;
- Participate in statewide community service projects (Wills for Heroes; Parkinson's Walk, etc);
- Access to CP study groups and opportunities to become a proctor for the CP exam;
- Earn AAPi bucks; and many more!



MEMBER REGIONS

1. **Birmingham** area- including Anniston, Tuscaloosa, Cullman, Gadsden and Talladega counties
2. **Montgomery** area- including Troy, Dothan, and the Wiregrass counties
3. **Mobile** area- including Baldwin county and the Bay area
4. **Huntsville** area- including Madison, Florence, Decatur, and the north AL counties

Applications can be located on the AAPi website:

www.alabamaparalegals.net

2017-18 Seminars

February 2-3, 2018 Winter seminar–
Birmingham, AL

Spring 2018 CP Review Course– TBA

August 3-5, 2018 Summer Seminar/
Annual Meeting– Orange Beach, AL

MEMBERSHIP

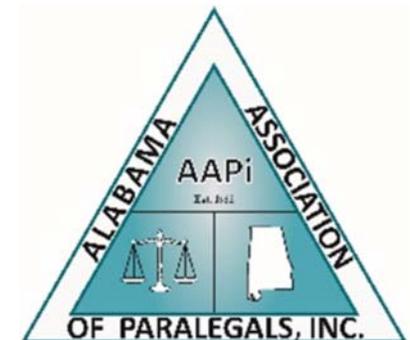
Information

For

Alabama Association of Paralegals, Inc.

2017-2018 year

Sonya Graves, ACP
President



MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Active membership is open to any individual who resides in or is actively employed as a paralegal in the State of Alabama and who works under the supervision of a licensed, practicing attorney and who meets at least one of the following requirements. This is the only membership classification which carries full voting privileges.

1. Any individual who has successfully completed the Certified Legal Assistant (CLA) or Certified Paralegal (CP) examination of NALA .
2. Any individual who holds a bachelor's or associate's degree in Paralegal Studies from an ABA approved paralegal program.
3. any individual who holds a bachelor's or associate's degree in Paralegal Studies from a paralegal program which is institutionally accredited but not ABA approved, and which requires not less than the equivalent of sixty (60) semester hours of classroom study of which at least 15 semester hours are substantive legal courses **PLUS** at least six (6) month's work experience as a paralegal performing substantive legal tasks .
4. Any individual who has graduated from a paralegal certificate program requiring a minimum of 24 credit hours for completion, **PLUS** at least one (1) year's work experience as a paralegal performing substantive legal tasks .
5. Any individual who has received a baccalaureate degree in any field, **PLUS** at least two (2) year's work experience as a paralegal performing substantive legal tasks.
6. Any individual who has a minimum of five (5) year's work experience as a paralegal performing substantive legal tasks under the supervision of a licensed, practicing attorney, whose attorney-employer attests that such person is qualified as a paralegal.

Associate membership is open to any individual who meets at least one of the following qualifications.

1. Individuals currently employed as a paralegal but who have not yet satisfied the requirements of Active Members.
2. Individuals who meet the requirements of Active Members but who are not employed at the time of application.
3. Individuals who have graduated from a paralegal studies program but who have not yet satisfied the work experience requirements of Active Members.
4. Individuals directly involved in the supervision of paralegals, including law office managers and administrators.

Student membership is open to any individual who is a student in good standing in any university, college, junior college or other post secondary, institutionally accredited school pursuing a course of study as a paralegal attested by the director of such school, provided that the student is not employed on a full-time basis as a paralegal.

Sustaining membership is open to any firm, association, corporation, educational institution or other entity endorsing the paralegal concept or involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession.

DEFINITION OF PARALEGAL

A legal assistant or paralegal is a person qualified by education, training or work experience who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, corporation, governmental agency or other entity who performs specifically delegated substantive legal work for which a lawyer is responsible. (Adopted by the ABA in 1997).

DUES STRUCTURE

Membership year is September 1 through August 31. Dues are billed annually in August. Dues are not pro-rated. First year's dues and initiation fee must accompany application form. **All types require a \$5 initiation fee.**

Active		\$60.00
Associate		\$45.00
Student	(1 yr)	\$30.00
Student	(2 yrs)	\$40.00
Sustaining		\$90.00

To Join AAPI

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