



Membership Agreement

I. Mission

The scientific, educational, and charitable **mission** of Dryad is to provide the infrastructure for, and promote the re-use of, data underlying the scholarly literature.

The **vision** of Dryad is to promote a world where research data is openly available, integrated with the scholarly literature, and routinely re-used to create knowledge.

As a nonprofit membership organization, Dryad relies on input from the broad community of stakeholders in research, education and scholarly communication for governance and support in making irreplaceable data resources available for present and future generations of researchers and educators.

II. Purpose

This agreement is to establish a cooperative relationship between Dryad and
to further the mission stated above.

III. Eligibility

Membership is open to any organization that supports the mission of Dryad. This includes the full spectrum of stakeholder organizations, such as journals, learned societies, publishers, research and educational institutions, libraries, and research funders. Organizations owned in whole or part by other Member organizations are eligible; journals as well as their associated society and/or publisher may separately be Members, although journals are not eligible for multiple discounts. Dryad does not offer memberships to individuals.

IV. Application process

Organizations interested in membership may submit an application online or by mail. After Dryad receives the application, it will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. Once membership is approved, Dryad will send the applicant a membership agreement and an invoice for dues. Membership is active once Dryad receives the signed agreement and dues payment.

VI. Governance

Every Dryad member is eligible to cast one vote in the election for the Board of Directors, which is held at the Dryad Annual Meeting, and to nominate candidates. Members may also cast one vote for or against any changes to the Bylaws brought before the membership at the annual meeting. In the event that a member is unable to send a delegate to the meeting, the member may submit a vote electronically.

VII. Annual Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting is held every year in May, at which members learn about the progress of Dryad, discuss its future direction, vote on policy matters, and elect one-third of the members of the Dryad Board of Directors. The meeting also provides a forum for sharing knowledge among diverse stakeholders. Participation in the annual meeting is a vital part of contributing to Dryad's governance, and all organizations are invited to send a delegate to the meeting.

VIII. Benefits

In addition to being invited to attend the annual meeting, elect the Board and have a voice in the organization, journals which are Sustainer or Supporter members of Dryad or are produced by publishers which are Sustainer or Supporter members receive a discount on deposit fees.

IX. Dues

Based on the information submitted in your application, the annual dues for _____ are _____ /year. The term of membership is for January through December for _____ year (s), expiring in _____. If the Membership is for the current year, it will become active once Dryad receives a signed copy of this agreement and your payment. An invoice has been sent to the address given in the application.

X. Signatures

It is understood that the official signing this "Membership Agreement" has reviewed the Dryad Membership Policy and Bylaws and has the authority to sign this document on behalf of the Member organization.

Signed for

Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

Signed for Dryad by:

Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date: