

FAQs

Proposed Membership Dues for ALTAFF

Will our dues go up if we become the Association of Library Trustee Advocates Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF)?

No – personal membership dues for ALA will be \$59 per year for Trustees, Friends and Foundation members as already decided by ALA Council– this rate begins September 1, 2008, and will apply even if ALTA remains the same. ALTAFF membership will be \$50 (the same that ALTA is now) for a total of \$109 per year. *But* there will be an opportunity for Librarians to purchase personal memberships for their Trustees and/or Friends Board members for *both* ALA *and* ALTAFF at a further reduced rate of \$85 per year – an additional savings of 22%!

I see there is a Librarians Plus Package – what does that mean?

Adding this membership option directly to Librarians allows ALTAFF to grow its membership, bringing in new Trustees and Friends who may not otherwise know about ALTAFF. Not only does this membership provide a full ALA *and* ALTAFF membership to one Trustee and one Friend automatically, it includes the opportunity to purchase personal ALA *and* ALTAFF memberships for a combined discount rate of \$85 for additional Trustees and Friends.

When a Librarian joins at the \$250 level, will he/she become a member of ALTAFF?

Yes and in addition, he/she will be able to designate one Board member and one Friends Board member to become full ALA *and* ALTAFF members as well. This is in addition to the full complement of benefits outlined on the Proposed Membership flyer.

What, exactly, is an “Affiliate” membership for Trustees and/or Friends?

This is a “benefits only” category which allows a Friends group or Trustee Board to get either the Friends newsletter or the Trustee newsletter and other benefits for their group or Board. Because this is an “Affiliate” category and not a “Member” category there will be no member participation or voting rights accorded to it. In this category, there are no ALA dues necessary to receive access to particular publications and certain portions of the ALTAFF website.