

Types of membership proposed, annual fee, description, and examples:

(Note – ASD includes individuals diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or a social/pragmatic communication disorder, including autistic disorder, Asperger syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, Rett syndrome, or pervasive developmental disorder – not otherwise specified)

- A Family/Caregiver fee: no
- Parents or caregivers of individuals with ASD, including foster parents and state- or court-appointed caregivers
- B Individual fee: no
- Individual with ASD who is at least 14 years of age, including those who are self-diagnosed
- C Educator fee: no
- Teacher, paraeducator, school psychologist, or school therapist or technologist (including ABA provider, speech/language therapist, occupational or physical therapist), or similar individual who works directly with individuals with ASD in an educational setting **and** who are employed by a public, non-private, private, or higher education system.
- D Student fee: no
- A college or university student who is working toward a professional degree that will lead him or her to a career in educating or supporting individuals with ASD.
- E Professional fee: no
- Individual or organization in private practice who provides services to individuals with ASD, their families and caregivers in a medical, therapeutic, office, non-profit or in-home capacity. This category includes psychiatrists, psychologists, medical doctors and technicians, ABA, TEACCH or CBT providers, speech/language or occupational/physical therapy providers, life and career skills providers and private tutors, and assisted living or group home administrators and staff.
- F General Public fee: for services rendered
- Not actual members per se, but included here for categorization of “who gets what;” membership category is simply to be able to appropriately direct information to them or solicit info from them.
- G Director fee: none compensation: none
- Member of the Board of Directors (and also of the Support Group), including those elected by the Members entitled to vote, or appointed by the Board in an advisory capacity.
- H Online Community fee: none
- A member of any online public or private community forum or listserv or social networking sponsored or provided by the Support Group; as of March 2015 we have a private listserv hosted by Yahoo Groups, an open Facebook page, and a Twitter feed. This member must (1) meet the definition of Group A or Group B, (2) must be at least 18 years of age, and (3) may be required to agree to certain confidentiality before approval to join is granted. This member may choose anonymity to other Yahoo Group members, and limited demographic information is known only to the Group Moderator. This would include members of any future sub-groups within the online community, or separate communities.

