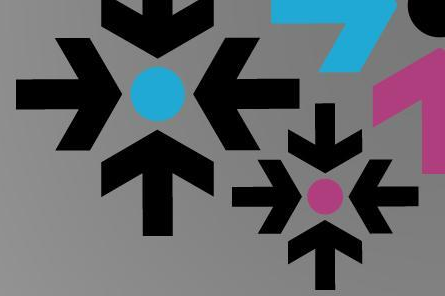




# Membership Update

Paul Anderson, Chair of the Board



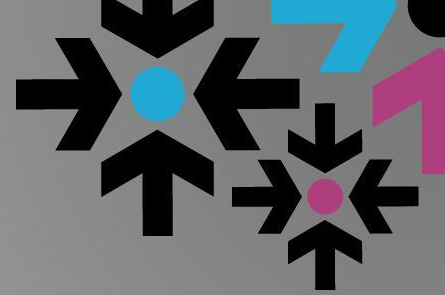
# Current ARIN Membership Structure

## General Members

General members are entities that have a valid ARIN Registration Services Agreement (RSA or LRSA) for Internet number resources and are enrolled in [ARIN's Registration Services Plan](#) or pay an annual membership fee.

The vast majority of ARIN Members are Internet Service Providers (ISPs) that are automatically enrolled in ARIN's Registration Services Plan and receive membership at no additional cost after receiving an initial [direct allocation](#) of IPv4 or IPv6 addresses.

***Presently, ARIN end-users are not automatically ARIN members unless they pay a separate membership fee (\$500/year) or voluntarily switch to RSP plan***



# Proposed ARIN Membership Structure

## **General Members (EXISTING)**

- Unchanged, with full rights including ability to vote in ARIN elections

## **Service Members (NEW)**

- New category that includes organizations that have a valid ARIN Registration Services Agreement (RSA or LRSA) signed by an officer of the organization that covers IPv4 and/or IPv6 addresses resources, but don't necessary want to participate in ARIN governance activities such as voting in ARIN's annual election.



## **Why does ARIN make a distinction between membership types?**

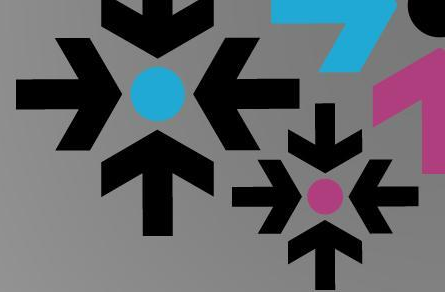
We recognize that not all organizations have a desire to participate in ARIN governance activities and so we have added the Service Member category and allow organizations to make their own determination if they wish to participate in ARIN governance activities.



## Service Member -> General Member

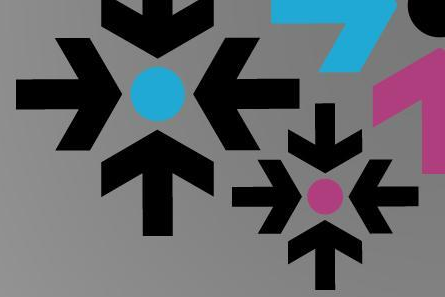
**My organization is a Service Member, is my organization eligible to become an ARIN General Member?**

Service Member organizations are encouraged to apply to become a General Member and participate in ARIN governance. When applying for General Membership organizations must commit to voting in ARIN elections as necessary to maintain their General Member status and meet any other eligibility requirements as established by the Board of Trustees



# Maintaining General Membership

- To remain a general member, an organization must continue to meet membership eligibility requirements (have an RSA and IPv4 or IPv6 number resources).
- Starting at the end of 2023, organizations must have cast a ballot at least once out of the last three ARIN annual elections.
- Organizations that do not meet eligibility General Membership requirements will become Service Members for the coming year.
- ARIN will remind General Members who are “at risk” due to lack of voting participation before the each annual election.



# Community Consultation

**Now open for your feedback!**

<https://www.arin.net/participate/community/acsp/consultations/2021/2021-5/>

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