

Chapter Block Membership Purchase Frequently Asked Questions

1) How does it work?

Read the page “Chapter Block Membership – How Does It Work?” found on the NBS-AERho website under the Join/Renew Membership button.

2) We have 20 potential members. How much will it cost each person?

That’s up to the chapter. The chapter pays \$500 for up to 20 Block Memberships. Your chapter could charge \$25 per membership. Your chapter could charge \$50 per membership and put \$25 per membership (or \$500) into the chapter treasury. Your chapter could charge somewhere in between such as \$35 for membership and then \$10 per member (or \$200) goes into the chapter treasury. The choice is up to the chapter.

3) We appear to have 12 potential members. Should we buy a block of memberships or individual memberships?

That’s up to the chapter.

4) We appear to have 12 potential members. What advantage would there be to buy the block memberships?

If you charge each of those members \$41.67, you would pay for your annual membership fee and save a little over \$8 per person. If you have any additional people joining the chapter, you could charge them the same amount and it would go into your chapter treasury so it can be used for chapter activities on campus or help fund attendance at the national convention.

5) We appear to have 23 potential members and we want to keep the membership price as low as possible what are some options for us?

Option 1: Offer a \$25 rate to the first 20 members who sign up and pay. The remaining members have to pay the individual rate.

Option 2: If you are sure you will have 23 members who will pay, send in the block purchase and the individual membership purchases. You will pay the national office \$650 (\$500 for 20 block memberships and \$150 for 3 individual memberships). Internally, you could charge \$28.27 to each member to cover the purchase ($\$28.26 \times 23 = \650.21). If you get any additional members later in the year, they will have to pay the full individual rate of \$50.

6) We appear to have at least 40 potential members. Can we buy 2 or more blocks of 20 memberships?

Yes!

7) We aren’t going to have 10 members can we go in with another chapter?

No! This deal is only for membership within the chapter. However, this deal applies to student and professional members. So, your advisor can be included in the count and any graduate who want to purchase a professional membership.

8) I'm a member of the National Chapter. (I'm not affiliated with a school that has an active chapter of NBS.) Can I get this chapter discount?

Sorry, it's not available at this time.

9) If I join as part of a block membership, can I still join AERho?

Yes, joining Alpha Epsilon Rho (the honor society) is a separate process. (See the website and click on the Alpha Epsilon Rho button.) If you meet the qualifications, you can be invited into AERho for \$30 if you are a member of NBS; however, the lifetime membership fee for AERho is \$130 if you are not a member of NBS.

10) When do the block memberships expire?

New memberships that are part of this fall's block membership purchase will expire on November 1, 2017.

11) My membership is scheduled to expire on February 1, 2017. Do I have to renew my membership to attend the convention?

Yes, if you want to get the member rate for convention registration. If you let your membership expire, you would pay the non-member convention registration rate which is \$100 more than the member rate.

12) It looks like our chapter is not going to buy a block of memberships for November and everyone will pay individual memberships. Can we buy a block of memberships in February and make all of our individual memberships block memberships retroactively?

No. We don't have the people-power in the national office to do that. However, if you have a "surge" of interest in the chapter, you could buy a block of memberships in February for new members.

13) I was formerly a member of NBS. My membership expired this past February. Can I be part of the block membership?

Yes, but you will also have to pay a \$25 membership reactivation fee. As part of the constitutional changes made in March 2011, there is now a \$25 reactivation fee if your membership has been expired for more than 15 days. (You would also have to pay this fee if you buy an individual membership.)

14) Can we send checks from a number of individuals or do we have to send one check to the national office to pay for the block of memberships.

We would prefer one check. We will accept multiple checks. However, if a check does not clear the bank (i.e. the check bounces), immediate payment must be made along with cost of the bank processing fee which is currently \$35. All block memberships will be suspended until payment is received.

15) Why is NBS offering block memberships?

This organization exists for its membership. It's believed this option will make membership more affordable and still provide the revenue necessary to operate by increasing the number of members.

16) Does everyone in the chapter have to fill out a membership registration online form?

Yes. This year, students fill out the "NBS Student Membership Registration form to provide information for the NBS database. Professional members fill out the "NBS Professional Membership Registration" form. The chapter membership coordinator (that could be the advisor, president, treasurer, or other appointed individual) fills out "NBS Chapter Block Registration Master Order" form to verify student participation in the block registration and to process the block payment to the national office.