

Suggested Changes to Institutional Memberships

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Rationale: As we implement the APS Peony Reference Garden program which includes an institutional membership for participating gardens, some changes are needed to make this category of membership more beneficial. Specifically, we want to encourage our main contact at each reference garden to have access to the newsletters, online presentations, and other educational opportunities available to members.

Current Wording:

Institutional memberships are for one organization at a single mailing address, will receive one copy of the The Bulletin per publication cycle, through the mail. Institutional memberships do not include access to the member portal for public access. Other optional benefits are available, as noted under Member Benefits. Institutional memberships are a subscription to the printed Bulletin, which may be made available to the public through their library system. Institutional memberships shall be granted to libraries, botanical gardens, arboreta, gardening organizations and educational facilities and may include the name of one (1) person. Institutional members are eligible to purchase subscriptions to The APS Bulletin only; no membership or voting rights are included. * APS is **not** responsible for re-mailing Bulletins and Directories which are returned due to address changes, lost in the mail, stolen or not delivered to a member for any other reason.

Proposed Wording:

Institutional memberships are for one organization at a single mailing address, ~~will receive and include one printed Bulletin which may be made available to the public through their library system. copy of the~~ The membership will be associated with the email address of one individual (staff or volunteer) who will have access to the Member Portal but does not include public access to the ~~member Member Pportal for public access.~~ Other ~~optional~~ benefits are available, as noted under Member Benefits, ~~but no voting rights are included.~~ Institutional memberships are ~~a subscription to the printed Bulletin, which may be made available to the public through their library system. Institutional memberships shall be granted~~ available to libraries, botanical gardens, arboreta, gardening organizations and educational facilities, ~~and may include the name of one (1) person. Institutional members are eligible to purchase subscriptions to The APS Bulletin only; no membership or voting rights are included.~~ * APS is **not** responsible for re-mailing Bulletins and Directories which are returned due to address changes, lost in the mail, stolen or not delivered to a member for any other reason.