

WPPA ASSOCIATE MEMBER DETAILS

BYLAWS

Individuals, business firms, and industries with a bona fide interest in the aims and goals of the Washington Public Ports Association may be accepted as "Associate Members." Application for such membership shall be made on forms available from the Association and shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee. Such membership shall entitle the member at a general membership meeting to the full privilege of recognition and discussion from the floor but shall not include voting on issues before the membership. The annual dues for associate members shall be established by the Executive Committee.

Associate members shall be dropped from membership for non-payment of dues after 60 days from date of notice of dues payable unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee, or for sufficient cause as determined by the Executive Committee. Associate members may withdraw from membership upon 60 days' notice in writing; PROVIDING, HOWEVER, that withdrawal shall not be cause for refund of dues paid or relief of payment of dues theretofore levied.

BACKGROUND

The Washington Public Ports Association represents 69 of the 75 port districts throughout the state of Washington. These districts offer a wide range of services, including marine terminals, barge facilities, industrial development, tourism promotion, marinas, airports and railroads.

The WPPA serves as a link, networking all ports in a cooperative effort to share information and address issues such as our global economy/international trade and regional economic development.

Associate Members and the WPPA

Two major WPPA meetings are held each year: the WPPA Annual Meeting and the WPPA Spring Meeting. At these events, Associate Members are given many opportunities to network with port officials. They are also encouraged to attend general sessions to learn more about the port industry. During these two conferences, at a special evening reception designed to honor our Associate Members, time is provided for Associate Members to highlight and to exhibit their products/services. Associate Members are also given the opportunity for further exposure by sponsoring a particular event at either the Annual or Spring Meeting.

Another benefit for WPPA Associate Members is our Associate Members' Port Directory. This guide is provided to WPPA member ports throughout the state and includes a summary on each WPPA Associate Member and services provided.