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## *Application for Membership*

☐ Regular Member - \$200      ☐ Associate Member - \$200

☐ Additional Firm Member - \$100

(Discount for members employed by the same lobbying firm. \$200 for first and second member, \$100 for third and subsequent members)

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Regular membership is open to all registered lobbyists who meet the requirements of the dues structure outlined below and who annually sign, return, and comply with the IGA Code of Conduct.

Associate Membership is available to individuals who are not registered with the California Secretary of State as legislative advocates, but are employed by a lobbying firm and/or are engaged in government relations/affairs activities for their employer or assist the registered lobbyists of that employer. Associate members pay dues equivalent to the regular membership dues and agree to abide by the IGA Code of Conduct. Associate Members may attend all IGA functions but will not be entitled to vote on any matters presented to the general Active Membership and may serve on any IGA committee with the consent of the President.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose check payable to IGA along with  
your completed application and return to:**

**IGA  
455 Capitol Mall, Suite 600  
Sacramento, CA 95814**





The Institute of Governmental Advocates is a California nonprofit corporation established to promote and maintain high standards among its State-registered lobbyists-members in the conduct in their profession.

### HOW IT BEGAN

Founding members joined together in 1974 to promote professionalism through adoption of a Code of Professional Conduct and to protect their constitutional rights of free speech, association, and petition.

### LEGAL ACTIVITIES

IGA has its own legal counsel who has the resources of a major law firm available to safeguard common interests of IGA members and their employers/clients. IGA works with the Fair Political Practices Commission so IGA members are well informed regarding pending issues and changes in law and regulations. IGA makes appearances as amicus curiae in cases where interests of its members and employers/clients will be affected.

## Membership Benefits

### PROTECTING YOUR RIGHT TO ADVOCATE FOR CLIENTS

IGA vigorously defends the First Amendment Rights of professional lobbyists to speak out on behalf of their clients before the California Legislature and state government agencies. IGA maintains an active presence before the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Office of the Secretary of State to represent the interests of lobbyists and the business of lobbying. IGA is also the collective voice of the Third House on legislation affecting the lobbying profession. As a Member of IGA, you help formulate positions and advocate outcomes that protect your right to practice your profession now and in the future. If necessary, IGA will take legal action to protect its Members' rights.

### PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS AND EDUCATION

IGA holds quarterly member-only breakfast seminars featuring prominent speakers and panelists from the Legislature and Executive Branch discussing the hottest topics in public policy and politics. Our seminars provide opportunities for lobbyists and public officials to look at issues from an insider perspective as well as learn how to be a more effective advocate. Members come away from these events with unique insights about the personalities and processes that make things happen under the Capital Dome.

### IGA CONFERENCE

Every two years IGA holds a policy conference. Attendees enjoy a relaxed environment while participating in panel discussions, receptions, dinner, and

optional recreational activities, including the IGA golf tournament. One of the conference sessions is devoted to the Lobbyist Ethics Course, allowing IGA Members to complete this requirement in a smaller, less formal setting that most lobbyists find preferable to the large ethics classes held in Sacramento.

### SOCIALIZING AND NETWORKING

IGA sponsors periodic social events designed to promote collegiality and professionalism among lobbyists, legislators, Administration officials, and legislative staff.

### ADDITIONAL MEMBER BENEFIT

As an added benefit for members, Capitol Seminars is offering its courses to members at a discounted rate. For more information visit <http://raylebov.com/seminars/>.

