

Nonprofit Membership Program FAQs

Q: Are dues only payable on an annual basis (vs. monthly or quarterly)?

A: Yes, all dues must be paid up front on an annual basis. You will be entitled to 12 months of member benefits starting in the month you pay your annual dues. We will send reminders and you may renew as desired.

Q: What are the topics of the Lunch-n-Learns and when will they be offered?

A: The Lunch-n-Learns are focused on various topics of interest to our members. Please visit www.saafdn.org/MembershipProgram and download the current schedule to see the calendar of specific topics.

Q: Is there a limit to the number of staff members from my organization who can attend the Lunch-n-Learns?

A: No, at this point, as long as we have space at the Area Foundation, we will not limit the number of participants from any agency attending our Lunch-n-Learns. If space does become an issue, we reserve the right to limit agencies to an appropriate number of staff given our space and the demand.

Q: Will the Area Foundation provide lunch for the Lunch-n-Learns?

A: Yes, the Area Foundation will provide a light meal, and we invite you to bring a “brown bag” lunch if you prefer or if you have special dietary needs. We will also have water and coffee available for participants.

Q: One of the benefits is facility space reservations up to one year in advance of my nonprofit’s meeting; what if I need to use Area Foundation space more than one day in a particular month?

A: Please visit www.saafdn.org/facilities to read our facility usage policies.

Q: Where can I find out more information about BoardEffect?

A: Please either ...

1. Refer to the [BoardEffect website](#) to learn about the benefits and features of this fantastic online board governance tool, *AND/OR*
2. Attend one of our training sessions to learn how you can put this tool to use to save costs and increase efficiencies in communicating with and engaging your Board. See the schedule of BoardEffect trainings by visiting www.saafdn.org/MembershipProgram

Q: Why do large organizations (over \$5 million in annual budget) have to obtain their own BoardEffect portal?

A: The Area Foundation was able to pay a premium to allow organizations under \$5 million to share our portal because those organizations are not typically large enough to be potential customers of BoardEffect. Larger organizations are potential clients for BoardEffect, so our membership pricing structure ensures a “break-even plus” point for agencies with budgets over \$5 million.