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Timo Pagel	15-Aug	Yes	<p>last year I thought about getting a paid member. I saw somewhere that by getting a lifetime membership, I can donate around half of the money to a project.</p> <p>I do not see that in the new policy, does it mean it has changed and I can not provide half of it to my favorite projects (e.g. the one I am leading).</p> <p>In case I purchase my membership right now before the new policy will be active, can I donate half of the money to a project of my choice?</p>		Board changed this policy in 2020	Rejected

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Sam Stepanyan	18-Aug	Yes	<p>I'd like to add a paragraph about the honorary membership for project and chapter leaders: Honorary Membership</p> <p>OWASP offers a Honorary Membership to active project and chapter leaders. This is intended to respect donating their most valuable things they have to offer: Their time and passion.</p> <p>If you are an OWASP leader that would like an Honorary Membership and does not have a (paid) individual membership but meets the requirements for Honorary Membership, then you May APPLY for an Honorary Leader's Membership. Submissions will be reviewed and verified by OWASP. If you were a paid member before you may nominate yourself for Honorary Membership otherwise you must ask another OWASP Member in Good Standing to nominate you for Honorary Membership.</p> <p>OWASP Chapter Leaders - The OWASP Chapter MUST be active and your leadership position MUST be on file with the OWASP Foundation 6 months prior to your submission.</p> <p>OWASP Project Leaders - The OWASP Project MUST be active and your leadership position MUST be on file with the OWASP Foundation 6 months prior to your submission.</p> <p>Honorary Membership is not automatically granted and does NOT automatically renew. You must submit a request each time your membership is up for renewal, or you may purchase an Individual Membership here to help support the Foundation so we can continue our mission.</p> <p>OWASP provides an annex to this policy to describe how to apply for an individual Honorary Membership.</p> <p>----</p> <p>Detailed Justification:</p> <p>With respect, We'd strongly recommend NOT to change the rules for (annual) honorary membership. We do not see any reason why this good tradition should be abandoned.</p> <p>In our opinion it's a question of respect to active leaders and the hundreds or even thousands of hours they do volunteer for OWASP per year. In our opinion, time is the most valuable resource! Without this base we would't have a community, we would't have projects, we would't have any reason for selling any ticket or sponsorship for the Events. We deeply feel that this needs to be acknowledged!</p> <p>OWASP has a very special brand identity, this is openness, supporting awareness and donating free knowledge. All this is done independent and impartial from any technology company.</p> <p>In our opinion, we should support getting more active volunteers on board to get more tools, documentation etc that we can provide. We should encourage it-security-specialists to raise new ideas, to donate their intellectual property or to develop it together with others in the OWASP community. We should be happy to let this happen via OWASP. We need to have convincing arguments that these volunteers decide to spend their voluntary commitment to OWASP and not anywhere else - which is only one click away! E.g. why should a PHD student or any other volunteer be forced to pay for a membership if she or he donates her or his work as an OWASP project? - So she or he might decide to refuse and we do not get a new OWASP project.</p> <p>In our opinion it is real professionalism to cultivate these kinds of think tanks, allow errors and failures for these think tank projects. Some of them develop further and might become a new flagship for OWASP!</p> <p>One project or one local event could attract so many volunteers, supporters and new members for OWASP. This is the positive lever arm we see.</p> <p>We should not scare but support all active leaders by showing them that they are welcome and to support them in all administrative things. OWASP should send positive incentives to promote these activities. I strongly do believe that this is the best way to save future projects.</p>		A new policy is being developed outside of this document for Leaders to gain Membership	Rejected

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erez.yalon	19-Aug	Yes	Some people cannot pay a bulk amount of 500\$, but can pay the annual 50\$. How about granting a lifetime membership for members who paid their annual membership for 10 years in a row?			Accepted
Lisa Jones	31-Aug	Yes	Members is a active paid OWASP members Attendee is a individual that attends OWASP chapter meetings, training and events			Accepted
Lisa Jones	31-Aug	Yes	All leaders should be members.			Rejected. This would be in the Leaders Policy
Lisa Jones	31-Aug	Yes	Student membership - Full time membership \$25 (Discount membership should also be \$ 25 One year membership \$ 55 Two year membership \$ 100			Rejected
Lisa Jones	31-Aug	Yes	Complimentary membership - grant an agreed upon number and should be given to the same person year after year. Optional: Honorary membership - Only one lifetime membership max a year if the board deems appropriate but not mandatory			Reject. Complimentary Membership is being developed as a seperate policy
Josh Sokol	26-Jul	No	<p>I recently came across the DRAFT WIP Membership policy at https://owasp.org/www-policy/operational/membership. For the most part, I think that it is a very well-written document, but I have concerns about a change to the ability for Chapters, Projects, and Events to be able to purchase memberships for their leaders. This has been an acceptable expense for over a decade and is a tangible way that these entities can reward their leadership for the time they spend on it. For example, historically the OWASP Austin Chapter has paid for memberships for the LASCON Core Team as a thank you for the many hundreds of hours they spend planning and running the conference. I have no issue with the statements that:</p> <p>"Membership is explicitly defined as people or corporations that pay dues."</p> <p>"Individuals can only become a member of the OWASP Foundation by completing the [Membership Form](/membership) on our website and paying dues."</p> <p>It seems reasonable to me to amend the process to force members to be accountable for their renewal, but I take significant issue with the statement that:</p> <p>"Membership dues are to be paid by the Member and cannot be subsidized or funded by OWASP Projects, Chapters, or Events."</p> <p>As I said above, sometimes a Chapter covering the \$50 membership for its core contributors is worth more than the money in terms of showing your appreciation. I'd respectfully request that we remove this language from the new policy.</p> <p>I'd also like to state, on record, that drafting a new policy and requesting that leaders send their feedback to an email address without the opportunity for public comment goes directly against the spirit of transparency that we've long valued here at OWASP.</p>			Rejected