



## Partners Network Information Sheet

### **National Partners Network (NPPN)—Who We Are and History**

More than forty years ago, the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) established a formal working relationship with a variety of statewide and local preservation organizations. This group became known as the Partners Network. In its early years, there were fewer than fifty organizations in the mix but—from the outset—the enormous value of the Partners Network was recognized. Initially, the various organizations served each other and helped coalesce a stronger national preservation movement. Eventually, the group grew to more than one hundred organizations—thanks to direct support and investment from the NTHP—and the Partners Network operated at full steam.

In 2015, planning began for the National Preservation Partners Network to become an independent organization with strong volunteer leadership that responds to the needs of individual Partners and the collective Partners Network. The Partners Network was officially incorporated on July 1, 2018. It now designs and delivers programs and services, fosters communication, and promotes collective advocacy that strengthens members and the larger preservation movement. Our goal is to support organizations that save places that help Americans better understand and appreciate who we are as a nation and how we relate to each other.

### **Partners Network Mission**

The National Preservation Partners Network advances the growth and effectiveness of the organized preservation movement through communication, education, training, and a common advocacy agenda.

### **Partners Network Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement**

*Approved by Board of Directors on February 25, 2019*

The National Preservation Partners Network (Partners Network) recognizes the United States of America as a diverse nation comprised of a depth and variety of preservation organizations from states and territories to metropolises, suburbs and small towns—all with a shared appreciation for preserving places. The Partners Network's mission is to lead and advance the growth and effectiveness of the organized preservation movement through communication, education, training, and a common advocacy agenda.

The Partners Network is predicated on beliefs and principles that preservation is about saving places that matter—places that consider, represent, and engage a wide variety of people. Our organization is open to and welcomes diverse members, board members, and staff.

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Our semiannual meetings will include:

- diverse subjects relevant today;
- outreach to wide-ranging people about their cultural, historic, and architectural places; and,
- cognizance of the needs and priorities of people regardless of age, gender or gender identity, race, ethnicity, religious or non-religious affiliation, national or geographic origin, philosophical or political beliefs, sexual orientation, physical ability, or socioeconomic status.

The Partners Network is empathetic and responsive to people and issues that help tell the evolving American story. Our success will be measured by the connections we make between and among the places we save and the people and communities who use them.

## Benefits

- Affinity Group Conversations (Big Cities, Development Staff, Easements, Executive Directors, Historic Sites, Local Organizations, Organizational Size, Program/Education Staff, Revolving Funds, Rural Preservation, Statewide Organizations)
- Webinars, Workshops, and Trainings
- Discounted registration for in-person meetings
- Monthly Newsletter
- Mentorship Program
- Eligible for the Board
- Eligible for Committees
- Fall Meeting
- Spring Retreat
- Listserv
- Networking and Knowledge Sharing

## Membership Categories

The Partners Network board members, with input from a cross-section of Partners, adopted a sliding scale of dues based on an organization's annual operating budget. The Partners Network follows an honor system and operates in good faith (*i.e.* no fact-checking 990s). Invoicing is done on a rolling basis, so a membership that is paid in July will be good through June of the following year. We also have a few special membership categories noted below. If you have any questions about which membership level is right, please contact Rebecca Harris, Executive Director, at [rharris@prespartners.org](mailto:rharris@prespartners.org) or (781) 491-2082. Thank you!

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### **Organizational**

Non-profit organizations or foundations with preservation as a primary mission or core value. This includes national, statewide, and local organizations of all sizes, including organizations with paid professional staff and organizations managed by volunteers. In this category the member entity is the organization, represented by a designated individual or individuals that serve on the staff or board of the member organization. (Sliding Scale dues)

#### Organizational Budget

Annual Operating Budget of \$1m or more  
Annual Operating Budget of \$500k to \$999,999  
Annual Operating Budget of \$250k to \$499,999  
Annual Operating Budget of less than \$250,000

#### Annual Dues

\$1,500/year  
\$1,000/year  
\$500/year  
\$250/year

### **Special Membership Categories**

#### **Friend**

An individual or business engaged in preservation work and interested in supporting the collective goals of the Network. Friend members are most often those who previously worked at preservation non-profits, or have established ties to the preservation movement in a professional or volunteer capacity. (\$125/year)

#### **Introductory**

Organizations that are in the early stages of development, including those pursuing 501c3 status, seeking to hire staff or formalize activities focusing on preservation as a core purpose. (FREE for one year)

#### **Hardship**

Organizations that desire to participate in the Network but are experiencing financial challenges. Any member in good standing can petition for hardship status, with a reduction of the membership dues to \$125/year for up to a two-year period, with approval by the NPPN Board. (\$125/year, limited to two years)

#### **Miller Canfield Honorary Membership**

In recognition of the generosity of the law firm, Miller Canfield, in helping the Partners Network get established and for their ongoing assistance, each year an organization that might not otherwise join the Partners Network is selected to receive a free annual membership.