

PPA Membership Program



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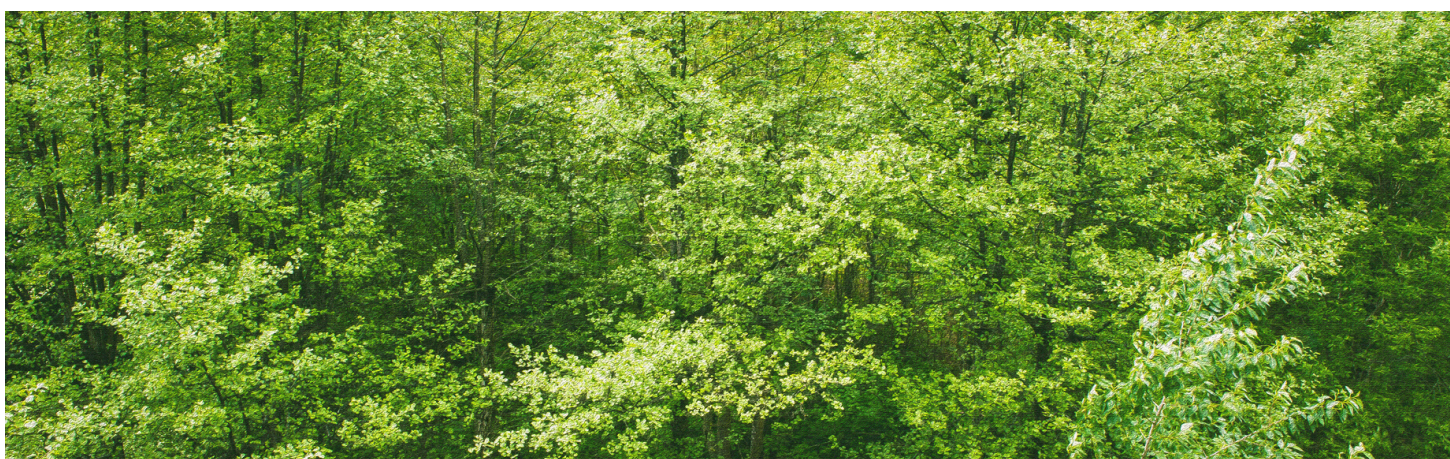
PPA MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The Philippine Permaculture Association Membership Program is the synergy of permaculture practitioners showcasing ethical solutions in diversifying habitats, vegetation and wildlife to promote biodiversity, increasing resilience to environmental changes, regenerating the ecosystem, improving human health and welfare, and promoting ethical production and consumerism.

Through this network, members can learn from each other through exchange of energies and information. The promulgation of permaculture, the most effective framework in designing landscapes, structures, gardens, and even organizations, is made easy through nationwide efforts of all members. Products and services of individual members and organizations are continuously promoted and supported by co-members through PPA as the connector. National and local permaculture events will be organized regularly to commemorate nature's perfect design and create interconnections among members. Regular workshops and trainings will be conducted to further augment the members' permaculture knowledge. Noteworthy initiatives will be featured in the website and social media accounts to serve as inspiration to practicing and aspiring permaculturists. These initiatives will be recognized by the national hub through awards and certifications.

Permaculture nodes are individual/group initiatives focused on specific aspects of permaculture (ecosystem restoration, renewable energy, organic farming, teaching, community work...). These nodes can collaborate with other nodes in their areas to form permahubs to develop municipal, city or even province-wide projects that propagate sustainable development guided by the principles of permaculture. PPA will ensure that the members, nodes and permahubs are interconnected and thriving in the network by maintaining a platform where everyone's voice can be heard and worthwhile projects are recognized.

PPA aims to promote permaculture nationwide through the strong network of members striving for the common goals of regenerating the earth, caring for its people, and promoting equitable distribution of the bounty reaped from nature.



Mission and Vision

PPA aims to strengthen the permaculture movement in the Philippines by connecting permaculture practitioners and permaculture sites all over the country. The collective effort of promulgating permaculture as the best framework for sustainable development is made easier by optimizing and sharing each others energies.

Vision

Ecosystem-based abundance for vibrant communities.

Mission

- Showcasing solutions first-hand and living by example
- Assisting in creating opportunities for communities on ecosystems-based livelihoods
- Providing quality trainings on permaculture designing
- Sharing ideas and knowledge among a broad membership base and cooperating with local government units.



Types of Membership

•PDC Alumnx Membership

Upon completion of any PPA-sanctioned Permaculture Design Courses, graduates are automatically included as members of the Network, provided all requirements have been duly submitted (design output and membership declaration). This membership is valid for the initial year for Basic and Advanced PDC graduates, but can be renewed annually after by becoming a member-as-donor. Alumnx members are eligible for the Accreditation & Recognition process and discounts, but do not have access to the special features of the website.

•Member-as-Donor (individual/organizational)

This member supports the operation and maintenance of the membership program by donating an annual sum of P3000 for individuals and P7500 for organizational. Members-as-donors have access to ALL the membership benefits

•Honorary Member (individual/organizational)

This member gains access to ALL membership benefits, rights and privileges in exchange for volunteer work. The honorary member pledges specific tasks annually instead of the membership donation.

•Honorary Fellow

Honorary fellows are recognized for their particular contributions to environmental, social and economic initiatives that adhere to the principles of permaculture. They are considered to be part of the Network but do not enjoy the benefits, rights and privileges of the active members. An honorary fellow is eligible to be nominated in PPA's Board of Trustees bi-annual election.



Membership Benefits

Accreditation and Recognition

Only members are eligible for the PPA Accreditation and Recognition

Membership Kit

Philippine Permaculture Association Membership ID
Membership Certificate

Quarterly Newsletter

A quarterly newsletter will be sent to active members to update them on PPA's current projects, permaculture advancements, noteworthy environmental, social and economic news, pressing issues...

Bimonthly Webinars

Members can attend bimonthly workshops organized by PPA for free.

Discounts to Products and Services

5-10% discount on PPA products and services
5% discount on member products and services (list to be developed)
10% discount on PRI activities
5% on PDCs and other trainings
10% discount on design consultancies
10% on Bi-annual Philippine Permaculture Convergence

Technical Support

PPA shall lend its expertise in permaculture by answering queries via messenger or email. Each member is entitled 1 minor consultation per quarter.

Access to Philippine Permaculture Association Network

The Network is comprised of individuals who have diverse expertise in different fields. Members can connect to each other on different levels in varying fields. Traversing the permaculture path is easier when fellow practitioners are there to guide you.

Access to the Permaculture Library

The PPA library can be freely accessed by members virtually or physically (when they visit the ecohouse or PRI). A diverse collection of publications and articles will definitely be helpful on your pursuit of permaculture knowledge.

Website/Social Media Feature

Members' initiatives/business ventures will be featured in the Permaculture Map in the PPA website and posted in social media accounts to recognize their efforts. This will serve as a directory of permaculture sites to travel to and products and services to avail.

Active Involvement in PPA Programs and Projects

Depending on their fields of expertise, each member can be contracted as a resource person in different PPA projects all over the country.

Philippine Permaculture Convergence

Members will be prioritized for the slots available for the bi-annual permaculture convergence. The convergence is a 3-day permaculture pilgrimage of learning and worthwhile activities. The last day is reserved for the General Assembly where all members are encouraged to share their thoughts to improve the Association's programs.

Procedures for Membership

For Members-as-Donors

- 1.Applicants can express their desire to join the Membership Program via Messenger, email, text or call.
- 2.The secretariat shall send a membership form and membership declaration to be duly filled out by the applicant.
- 3.After submitting the necessary forms, the applicant shall donate the amount of P2000 which will cover the cost of activities for members and the membership kit. The membership is renewable annually.
- 4.After being officially recognized as a legitimate member, the ID and certificate can be claimed at the PPA office: 17 Hereford, Rancho 1, Concepcion Dos, Marikina City, or have it shipped to their desired area (member shall shoulder the shipment cost).

For Honorary Members

- 1.Applicants can express their desire to join the Membership Program via Messenger, email, text or call.
- 2.The secretariat shall send a membership form and membership declaration to be duly filled out by the applicant.
- 3.The applicant shall voluntarily express the support he/she is offering to PPA (promotion, marketing, clerical, fund-raising...) in the membership declaration form.
- 4.The honorary membership tasks are subject for renewal annually.

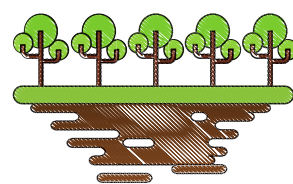
For PDC Graduates

Refer to PDC Alumnx Membership above



Duties and Responsibilities of Members

- Contribute to the best of her or his ability and expertise to the growth and development of the Philippine Permaculture Association;
- Pay the membership fee and the annual dues promptly;
- Apply and promote the principles and practice of permaculture;
- Attend Convergences, meetings and other related activities.



Rights and Privileges of Members

Members shall enjoy the following rights and privileges:

- Priority in the selection and recruitment of qualified staff for the management and operationalization of projects of the Association;
- Priority to attend conferences, seminars and other related events here or abroad wherein the Association may be invited;
- Right to participate in deliberations, decision-making and election during the Permaculture Convergences;
- Regular and updated information on the Association's activities, new technologies, concepts, practices and developments in permaculture;
- Right to air grievances and file complaints regarding application of the principles and ethics of the Association concerning management and implementation of programs or projects by the officers and staff of the Association.



Suspension and Loss of Membership Rights and Privileges

A member may be sanctioned after due process (expelled/ suspended) from the Association by the majority of the Board and upon recommendation by any member of the BOT due to any of the following reasons:

- Non-payment of membership dues and fees for three (3) consecutive years;
- Serious misconduct and/or willful breach of trust bestowed on her or him by the Association;
- Gross or habitual neglect of her or his duties;
- Conviction by final judgment of a crime involving moral turpitude;
- Willful violation of the Association's Constitution (to be developed) and Code of Ethics; and,
- Other acts inimical to the interest of the Association

