

# HOUSTON INVENTORS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Since 1983, HIA has become one of the strongest voices in America for the independent inventor. Our motto, "Inventors Helping Inventors", expresses our purpose, which we accomplish by sharing our experiences in technical areas and our first-hand knowledge of the difficulties of getting from raw idea to market.

As an all-volunteer non-profit organization, we at HIA are very proud of the job we do in providing education, technical assistance, and support to creative thinkers, not only in the greater Houston area but across the nation as well. We help inventors solve problems by connecting them with members possessing a wide range of technical expertise, in many cases finding a solution free of charge.

Expert speakers at our monthly meetings share their success stories, give briefings on important technical areas, such as patent fundamentals, building prototypes, marketing, licensing, product pricing, injection molding, 3D printing, marketing, etc., and share tips for making money from innovation. We also can allocate time at meetings for members to present their invention to the membership and do some market testing and obtain valuable feedback and suggestions for product improvements, pricing, marketing, distribution, etc.

HIA holds a special small group "Confidential Meeting" the 3rd Wednesday each month for members only where everyone signs a non-disclosure agreement and members can discuss their product/concept openly and receive help and advice on the next steps of pursuing their idea, concept or design.

The HIA website contains a wealth of information and links to member recommended companies and individuals that provide sources for raw materials, parts, prototyping, fabricating, molding, engineering, drawings, artwork, and other services needed by inventors. HIA can set up a simple webpage for a nominal fee and provide links to member's existing websites.

Videos of past speakers and topics are available to members via email, so even if you can't attend our monthly meetings, you can benefit by being a member.

We do our best to protect our members from the multifarious scams targeted at them by companies that charge high up-front fees for worthless invention development services.

Chief among all of the benefits of membership is networking with some of the most interesting, well-informed, and positive people in Houston.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

### Renewing Previous Members - \$50/Year

First-Time New Members Only – To introduce newcomers to our organization, dues are prorated depending upon the month you join. Check the table below to determine your dues.

New members joining for the first time only - Prorated								All members –Current year + Next year			
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
\$50	\$50	\$48	\$48	\$46	\$46	\$44	\$44	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

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MEMBERSHIP FORM											
New Member <input type="checkbox"/>				Renewing Member <input type="checkbox"/>				DATE:			
Name: (print legibly)											
Street Address:										Apt:	
City:				State:		Zip:		Phone:			
Email Address: (print legibly)											
Dues Amount Paid:		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Check		No.		<input type="checkbox"/> Debit/Credit Card		<input type="checkbox"/> Cash		

Make checks payable to Houston Inventors Association. You may submit this form at any meeting or mail it with your remittance to:

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