

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 experience in technical areas and our first-hand knowledge of the difficulties in getting from raw idea to marketable product.

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.

Expert speakers at our monthly meetings offer their success stories, give briefings on important technical areas, and share tips for making money from innovation.

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.

HIA also helps its members by providing workshops on special topics, such as patent fundamentals, building prototypes, marketing, licensing, product pricing, injection molding, etc.

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 conversation with some of the most interesting, well-informed, and positive people in Houston who are on the leading edge of emerging technologies.

For the community, HIA provides judges for invention contests at Houston area schools and also provides lecturers and demonstrators to inspire children to think creatively.

If these aren't enough reasons for you to join this dynamic organization, then here are some more:

**Inventors Starter Kit** - This booklet, for members only, contains information about successful inventing, patent searching, the patent process, evaluation and disclosure forms.

**Free Market Survey** - HIA sets aside time at meetings for members to present their inventions to the membership and obtain valuable feedback on product improvements, pricing, marketing, distribution, etc.

**Website Resources** - The HIA website contains contact information and links to member recommended companies and individuals that provide sources for raw materials, parts, molding, fabrication, packaging, etc., and services needed by inventors.

**Internet Presence** - HIA can set up a webpage for members' inventions and provides links to members' existing websites.

**Video Library** - members may purchase CD's and DVD's of past speakers and workshops at a nominal cost.

**Public Exposure** - HIA puts on public exhibits where members can display and demonstrate their inventions. Television and newspaper reporters are invited to attend.

**Yes., I want to join HIA!**

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**Membership Dues**

**Renewing Previous Members - \$45/year**

**First-Time New Members Only** - To introduce newcomers to our organization, the 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
\$45	\$43	\$41	\$39	\$37	\$35	\$33	\$31	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45

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