



Governing Member Application

Name of Institution _____

Name of Main Contact _____

Title (e.g. Executive Director, President) _____

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Name of Person Completing Application _____ Title _____

COMMUNICATIONS

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PROFILE

	Number of full-time paid staff	_____
Staff	Number of part-time paid staff	_____
	Number of volunteer staff	_____
	Total space	_____
Facilities	Indoor exhibit space	_____
	Outdoor exhibit space	_____
	<i>Measurements in</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>square feet</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>square meters</i>	
	Total operating income*	_____
Financial	Total operating expenses*	_____
	Currency (e.g. USD, EUR)	_____
Attendance	Total attendance*	_____
	Offsite attendance*	_____

QUESTIONS

1. A science center/museum is an organized and permanent nonprofit institution, dedicated to increasing the public's understanding of science and technology, which provides exhibits, programs, and activities addressing a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines and topics. Science centers/museums show dedication to the use of informal learning methods and use a broad array of delivery techniques for science learning experiences while serving as a resource for a community's science education needs.

Using the characteristics defined above, does the institution identify itself as a science center/museum? Yes No

2. Does the institution have nonprofit status? Yes No
3. Is the institution staffed and open to the public at least 1,800 hours per year and six days per week? Yes No
4. Is the institution's *primary* mission to increase the public understanding of science?
 Yes No

Please state the mission or append a copy of the mission statement.

5. Describe how the institution achieves its mission.

6. Science centers/museums use a broad array of delivery techniques for science education learning experiences (experiential, tactile, and kinesthetic exhibits; participatory programs; hands-on activities; inquiry-based learning). Participatory exhibits and programs encourage visitors to experiment, to have hands-on experiences, to manipulate variables, to observe phenomena, and to ask "what-if" questions.

To what extent do the institution's exhibits and programs employ such visitor participation techniques?

7. Does the institution offer exhibits, programs, and activities addressing a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines and topics such as physical sciences, natural sciences, mathematics, and technology? Yes No

Please provide examples in the space below or append additional pages.

8. Describe how the institution serves as a resource for its community. Include how the institution ensures that all segments of the community are participating in the life of the institution.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Please send **two** copies the following required materials for the ASTC Membership Department's review:

- Most recently audited financial statement
- Most recent newsletter
- Visitors' guide with floor plan or map
- Most recently published Annual Report, if available
- Brochures and other descriptive materials about the institution's exhibits, programs, and facilities.

Do you agree with ASTC's *Statement on Science* (listed below)?

Yes No

Science is a human endeavor that uses observations and experimentation to develop explanations of the natural world. Scientific theories are grounded in and compatible with evidence, internally consistent, and demonstrably effective in explaining a wide variety of phenomena. Science is based on hundreds of years of scientific observation and experimentation and many thousands of peer-reviewed publications.

Do you agree with and demonstrate a strong interest in the goals of ASTC (listed below)? Yes No

- To further public understanding of science
- To show the impact of science and technology on society and culture
- To encourage diversity and participation by all peoples in the scientific enterprise, especially women, minorities, and other groups underrepresented in scientific and technological careers
- To serve as a vehicle for cooperative projects of mutual interest to its membership
- To advance the role of science and technology centers in society
- To cooperate with other educational agencies and organizations to further common goals

On behalf of our institution, I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, we meet the criteria of an ASTC Governing member.

President, Chief Executive, Director, or the equivalent
(Signature)

Date

President, Chief Executive, Director, or the equivalent
(Printed Name)

ASTC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, and for any lawful reason, to reject any application for membership.
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