

Important Notice Regarding Membership Renewal

Members are advised that they will no longer be able to pay their membership dues on an auto-renewing basis. This option has been suspended.

The ITAA originally established an auto-renewal system as a convenience for members and a way to reduce administrative costs. However, because of persistent operational difficulties, we have now suspended it. The Board of Trustees made this decision after a thorough investigation of the situation and concluded that any benefit we might hope to gain from an auto-renew option is outweighed by the risks and problems we have encountered.

All ITAA members, including those who have previously chosen the auto-renew option, from now on will need to visit the ITAA website annually to complete their membership renewal. We will remind you in advance of your individual renewal date and will maintain our offline joining and payment facilities for people who require those.

If you are in any doubt about your membership status or renewal options or need to check on anything to do with your ITAA membership, please contact Ken Fogleman at ken@itaaworld.org.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by the failure of the auto-renew system. We hope that when you renew your membership you will take the opportunity to browse our website and trust that you will find something of interest there. If you have feedback on the content of the website, or requests and observations regarding communication with members, please let us know. We welcome your comments!

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Feedback Sought on New Code of Ethical Conduct and Ethics Procedures Manual

On behalf of the ITAA Task Force for a New Code of Ethics, we would like to report that a new Code of Ethical Conduct and Ethics Procedures Manual has been submitted to the Board of Trustees for their approval. The task force was made up of Janice Dowson (Canada), Charlotte Daellenbach (New Zealand), Vladimir Gussakovski (Russia), Diane Salters (South Africa), and chair Vann Joines (USA). The chairs of the ethics committee, Gordon Law (UK) and Thomas Steinert (Germany) also gave important input, and a final edit was completed by Robin Fryer and Vann Joines.

This new code represents 2 years of work by the task force and seeks to move beyond being a set of rules of

unacceptable behaviors in order to give members a context of values and ethical principles along with a process for going about making ethical decisions. It was adapted, in part, from the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists Ethics Code and the EATA Ethics Code and incorporates the values of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It also includes a grid for ethical assessment.

In line with best practice and the spirit of openness and participation, it is now time for members to give feedback. This is taking place through an online secure feedback survey that is found [here](#). Both the current Code of Ethics and Manual as well as the

revised edition are on the ITAA website [here](#) along with the link to the feedback survey.

Completing the survey can be done anonymously. Please provide your feedback by 28 February 2015.

ITAA is eager to hear your input, comments, and suggestions. Your feedback will be carefully reviewed and considered.

We hope that you will find it an outstanding new code for our organization. We look forward to receiving your comments.

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