

# Who Can Join NAWBO?

**Active Membership:** An Active Member shall have been in business for at least two years and be an experienced, growth-oriented business owner who is an individual, partner or stockholder who exercises the power to make policy decisions, is actively involved in the day-to-day management of and derives livelihood from the firm. Active Members are established business owners and have voting rights with each member entitled to one vote.

**Emerging Business Owner:** An Emerging Business Owner shall be a first time business owner with a new business less than two years old. Emerging Business owners shall constitute no more than ten percent of the membership and shall have no voting rights.

**Supporting Member:** Individuals, corporations and organizations that subscribe to the objectives of NAWBO and wish to lend support through membership shall be Supporting Members and have no voting rights. Supporting Members shall constitute no more than ten percent of the membership.

**Sustaining Member:** Individuals, corporations and organizations that subscribe to the objectives of NAWBO and wish to support the organization in a larger monetary way are considered Sustaining Members. A member in this classification has one vote. Please contact the Membership Director or Chapter Administrator if you desire to become a Sustaining Member.

**Student Member:** Shall be an individual who is a student registered full time at a school or university who subscribes to the objectives of NAWBO and intends to start a business. A student member has no vote.

**Retired Member:** Shall be an individual who was a Chapter or At Large member for at least five years and has sold, divested their interest or is no longer in their business. A member in this classification shall have one vote.

**At-large Member:** Shall be a business owner whose business and residence are not located within a Chapter's organization territory and who is an individual, partner or stockholder who exercises the power to make policy decisions and is actively involved in the day-to-day management of the firm. A member in this classification has one vote.

Join us and  
make a difference

in how women CEOs  
run their businesses today  
and how new CEOs  
will lead their businesses  
tomorrow!



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**NAWBO Silicon Valley**  
is a dynamic professional organization for women just like you—business owners looking for a place to exchange ideas, meet new friends, and increase visibility in the community.

**We invite you to join our unique peer-to-peer organization** to share the commonality of business experiences and challenges. Learn leadership skills, become inspired, and celebrate growth and success.

Join Us!

To find out more about NAWBO-SV,  
visit our website at  
[www.nawbo-sv.org](http://www.nawbo-sv.org)



**OUR VISION**  
Empowering Members Through  
Knowledge, Information & Association

## What is NAWBO?

The National Association of Women Business Owners, founded nationally in 1975, is the voice of America's 10.6 million women-owned businesses. Since then, NAWBO has helped women evolve their businesses by sharing resources and providing a single voice to change economic and public policy. Across the United States, there are approximately 75 active NAWBO Chapters.

Our local Silicon Valley Chapter was founded in 1988 and over the years has supported local women business owners by providing networking opportunities, resources, information, and educational seminars. NAWBO truly makes the difference in how women CEOs run their business today and how new CEOs will lead their businesses tomorrow.

## California NAWBO

Our state organization links all of the chapters together. State-wide meetings allow easy networking opportunities with the eight different chapters. California NAWBO's web site is [www.nawbo-ca.org](http://www.nawbo-ca.org).

## National Member Benefits

Some benefits are:

- Attending regional and national conferences to meet other women business owners to exchange ideas and opportunities
- Listing in a printed national directory and a web-based membership directory of the nation's premier women business owners
- Participating in leadership and business development training and opportunities, including an online community of women business owners for special interest groups, vendor or joint venture searches, and help forums
- Accessing the national web site with business articles, NAWBO resources, updates, links to members and Corporate Partners
- The national web site is [www.nawbo.org](http://www.nawbo.org)

## NAWBO Silicon Valley Membership Benefits

Some of the benefits and networking opportunities of joining our local chapter:

- A unique environment for sharing experiences and challenges with other CEOs and presidents of women owned businesses
- Monthly events highlight topics of Leadership, Sales and Marketing, Financing and Business Management for established businesses
- Monthly sponsorship opportunities during our networking reception including your 3-minute business promotion from the podium
- One-time new member business introduction promotion at podium during a monthly event
- Table exhibit opportunities available at monthly events during the networking reception
- Quarterly workshops for emerging businesses
- Annual Member Appreciation Reception
- Member Orientation Reception
- Annual NAWBO-SV "Celebrating Women at the Top" awards dinner supported by the The Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal
- Exhibit opportunities at the MarketPlace held in conjunction with our annual event and awards dinner
- Supporting sponsorship for The Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal's "Women of Distinction Awards" where we present the "Woman Business Advocate of the Year" award
- Special membership opportunities for NAWBO-SV members from the Silicon Valley Capital Club, a private business club
- Advertising discount with the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal
- Leadership training opportunities for future Board of Directors' positions through participation in various chapter committees

- Form alliances with other members
- Attend informal small group luncheons
- Access to membership directory
- Receive benefits and discounts from local and national Corporate Partners
- Attend seminars presented by our Corporate Partners
- Attend NAWBO events at special rates
- Learn from other women business owners their secrets to success
- Gain access to procurement opportunities from our Corporate Partners
- Get advice from women business owners who have had similar experiences
- Meet new friends and have fun... and realize you aren't the only woman running a business no matter how big or how small!

## Corporate Partner Program

NAWBO Silicon Valley's Corporate Partners are organizations who invest directly in our chapter at the local level. They are offered an increasing array of benefits based on the level of financial support which can range from \$1,500 to \$10,000 and beyond.

Corporate Partners keep our chapter healthy. They help to sponsor monthly meetings, receive free passes to one or more meetings, have access to the entire member data base, are linked on the NAWBO-SV web site and enjoy other benefits based on their financial contributions. Be sure to contact the Corporate Partner Director to learn more about this priceless opportunity — to be adored by the entire chapter!

