

Absolute Productions Network Community Forums

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Title: **AP Network Membership Contract**

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Membership into Absolute Productions Network (<http://www.oswmagazine.com>) is based on **service** and **commitment**. Service is the amount of work you put forth, irrespective of your own creative project. In other words, the initiatives you tackle are for the betterment of the whole, not the part. Your commitment - the value you stake in your membership with AP Network - is not contingent solely on the advancement of your own creative project. Our goal as a functioning entity is to ensure that we always adhere to the truest form of commitment and service. Therefore, we can only welcome individuals who will see us flourish, not flounder, in the years to come.

Prospective Candidates

As a prospective candidate, you are given a 2-3 month trial evaluation period, in which we assess your work ethic and community involvement. All candidates MUST be registered members of our forums. Once registered, you are encouraged to Introduce Yourself in the Lobby (<http://oswmagazine.com/boards/index.php/board,5.0.html>). This establishes a name behind the username, and facilitates the opportunity for you to network with other members. Your community involvement, however, should not stop there. This is where the **service** part of our initiative comes in to play. Don't stand from the sidelines and watch other people do all the work. Engage with our supporters and your future colleagues by responding and/or starting new topics, contributing new ideas if you have them, speaking out on changes, etc... All in all, become the community and watch it continue to flourish.

During your trial membership, you will be required to submit a response sheet about yourself and your series for inclusion in our magazine. Questions will be delivered to you within 7-10 business days after receipt and approval of your application (http://www.oswmagazine.com/forms/membership_application.rtf). This process ensures our regular readers get an informative breakdown of the new potential series we are in partnership with, and that you get accustomed to one of the many perks and tasks of being an AP Member.

If at the end of your trial period, your application is revoked: you will not be allowed to reapply for membership up until 90 days after the initial revocation notice.

Once You're a Member

Once you are approved as a member, you will receive several benefits, including:

- A link to your series on our series' roster (<http://www.oswmagazine.com/shows.html>);
- A forum solely for your series, with complete moderating controls;
- Joint membership with OSW magazine, and therefore, the ability to publicize almost anything related to your series (news, gossip, interviews, etc...);

- A network of producers who share common goals like yours;
- Access to our discussion forum (<http://oswmagazine.com/boards/index.php/board,3.0.html>), where AP members can discuss everything from magazine issue ideas to enhancements and modifications to the network as a whole;
- An optional @oswmagazine e-mail account

What We Expect from You in Return

The creative manpower behind the shows on our network is what keeps us alive and running. If members fail to meet the obligations set upon them, then there is clearly a lack of **commitment** on their part, which hurts our institution as a whole. Yes, we all have commitments and obligations that far exceed the online community, but common courtesy never killed anyone. If you know you will not be able to meet an assigned task, or find yourself in extended seclusion, drop a note to let us know that you are okay, and will be back at the helm as soon as possible. Respect those you work with enough to keep us informed. By doing so, we can prevent loss in morale, trust and productivity.

As a member, you are expected to uphold the terms of your contract. All members should sign into the community forums at least **once a week** to make sure there are no important notices that need your attention. As one fellow lurker to another, trolling the forums as a guest will not give you access to member-oriented forums, and our homepage news box will not always reflect every news item. So please sign in, and do a courtesy check.

In addition, with the help of our members, OSW is able to put out three to four issues a year. Each issue comes with a number of required submissions, as well as optional add-ons. All affiliated members are required to submit the required components by the deadlines given. Allowances will only be made under special circumstances (*i.e. holidays, sick time, or arranged extensions*). Those who fail to submit their submissions will be penalized, effective immediately. Such violators will have their forums locked down for a period of 7-10 business days, and will be given a 1-week ban from the forums as a whole. Hopefully, this action won't have to be taken, but in the same vain, hopefully this will deter future acts of negligence and weed out the weak.

Forum participation as a whole: Be advised that if the number of posts you contribute in a given month are predominately of the self-promotion nature (*i.e. more than 30% of your average community-oriented posts*), you're not an engaged member of this community. Either limit your number of self-promotion posts or get engaged. The latter is preferred because we want a community of engaged members, and there are certainly a number of topics at your disposal to keep you involved in the action. More so, if you find there is a reason your level of engagement is not as strong as it should be, let us know.

Although we are working on ways to make the connection between the network, and our featured series more seamless, all sponsored series are strongly recommended to link to our main site - <http://www.oswmagazine.com> (<http://www.oswmagazine.com>).

Termination/Suspension of Membership

Membership is automatically terminated for individuals who no longer wish to continue their creative projects. Of course, if you decide to revive the series, or start a new project and would like to reactivate your membership with Absolute Productions, you're more than welcome to reapply at that given time.

Termination by Choice: If you decide you no longer want to be affiliated with AP Network (<http://www.oswmagazine.com>), please send an e-mail to **apstudios@oswmagazine.com** respectively terminating your membership. We would then initiate the eradication process to see that all remnants of your creative work are removed from the AP / OSW website. This could take anywhere from 4-7 business days.

During termination, your series hosted forum will be archived in our retired series section. Your series URL will also be removed from the AP roster, as well as from our affiliates section if you no longer wish to be affiliated with AP. If you own an @oswmagazine e-mail account, the account will be left open for about a week, giving you time to back up anything you may wish to keep. Following your 1-week allowance, the account will be deleted from our servers.

All terminated AP members will be moved to the AP Alumni group, with the same access rights that you had under the the AP Members group as an appreciation of your service, unless, of course, you leave under bad terms.