**ADPNet Membership Model and Storage Fee Schedule**

Institutions can join ADPNet in one of two ways: (1) by joining the [LOCKSS Alliance](https://lockss.org) directly; OR (2) by choosing one of these two ADPNet membership levels. Network storage fees are assessed separately from the membership fees and are payable directly to ADPNet.

**ADPNet membership levels:**

- **Host:** $2,500/year (= host a LOCKSS preservation node and contribute content to the network)
- **Participant:** $300/year (= don’t host a LOCKSS preservation node, but contribute content to the network)

**ADPNet network storage fees:**

- **Host and LOCKSS Alliance members:** $250/TB in 1TB allotments, 1TB minimum allotment
- **Participant:** $25/50GB in 50GB allotments, 50GB minimum allotment

This model aims to simplify ADPNet membership by reducing the number of membership levels from four to two. It also reduces network storage fees. The goal is to make membership more affordable while at the same time maintaining a fund that can be used to replace or expand nodes as needed. The rationale behind the different storage fees is that Hosts and LOCKSS Alliance members are investing more of their own resources in the network (hosting and running a LOCKSS node and/or supporting LOCKSS financially), therefore they pay less for network storage.

**Q&A**

1. **What role will the LOCKSS office play under the new model?**

Under the new model, the role of the LOCKSS office at Stanford University will be to focus on developing/supporting the LOCKSS software and providing specialized help and troubleshooting if we need it. We—the ADPNet member institutions—will take over responsibility for the day-to-day running of the network. This includes setting up and maintaining the ADPNet LOCKSS configuration server, performing regular status checks of the network nodes, preparing and releasing archival units for harvesting into the network, and providing routine technical guidance and support to members who are running LOCKSS nodes. In fact, we have already started doing these things.

2. **If ADPNet covers the initial hardware purchase, who will be responsible for maintenance, repair, replacement, etc.?**
Member institutions will be responsible for maintaining hardware that has been paid for by ADPNet. In other words: ADPNet buys it, the member institution keeps it going until the next hardware replacement cycle.

3. How will the hardware purchases work?

Through a funds transfer from the ADPNet account after a copy of the paid vendor invoice has been submitted by the member institution to the ADPNet Steering Committee.

4. Are there going to be initial storage consumption caps? With the current hardware infrastructure we have, storage is finite.

Yes, there will be initial storage consumption caps. We suggest setting rough guidelines at the beginning of the ADPNet membership year, based on how much content is on deck and how much space we have (e.g. “cap of 5TB per member this year”). In other words, the network members will have to do some planning and pacing at the beginning of the year.

5. How will the new membership model and new policies be implemented?

The new policies will be implemented through changes to the ADPNet Governance Policy and/or through specific policy documents, as needed.

6. When will the new membership model take effect?

The new membership model took effect on October 1, 2016.

7. What are my expected costs?

For Hosts, the actual annual cost is the $2500 base fee and the storage fee calculated in 1TB chunks. At a minimum, a Host with 1TB or less of storage can expect an annual cost of $2750.
For Participants, the actual annual cost is the $300 base fee and the storage fee calculated in 50GB chunks. At a minimum, a Participant with 50GB or less of storage can expect an annual cost of $325.

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