**IBIS Membership FAQ**

* What is an official IBIS Open Forum member?

The IBIS Open Forum is the industry organization responsible for the management of the [I/O Buffer Information Specification (IBIS) specifications](https://ibis.org/specs/) and standards including IBIS, IBIS-AMI, IBIS-ISS, ICM, and Touchstone. Participation in IBIS is open to everyone for discussions on specification development during the IBIS Open Forum teleconferences (every 3 weeks), task group meetings (weekly), and summits (several times per year, worldwide).

An official IBIS Open Forum member is a paid membership for an organization (not per individual). Paid members may cast one vote per organization on IBIS specification changes and approvals, financial matters, election of officers, and other organizational issues within the IBIS Open Forum. Membership dues pay for maintaining the organization's website, specification balloting costs, software development, summit meeting costs, legal and bookkeeping services and the like as provided by IBIS’ parent organization, [SAE ITC](https://www.sae-itc.com/).

The IBIS Open Forum is an official subcommittee of the [SAE ITC](https://www.sae-itc.com/) and conducts its operations according to its [Policies and Procedures](https://ibis.org/policies/IBIS_policies_procedures.pdf) document, and according to the [AEROSPACE COUNCIL of the SAE Technical Standards Board Organization and Operating Procedures](https://www.sae.org/exdomains/standardsdev/aeroguide.pdf).

* What are the benefits of becoming an official IBIS Open Forum member?

Official IBIS Open Forum members may cast votes for IBIS specification changes ([Buffer Issue Resolution Documents (BIRDs)](https://ibis.org/birds/)), major revisions of [IBIS specifications](https://ibis.org/specs/), approvals for financial matters, annual elections of officers, and other organizational issues within the IBIS Open Forum. Members unable to attend IBIS Open Forum meetings can vote by email the week before each official vote takes place.

Official IBIS Open Forum member organization’s logos are displayed on the front page of the [IBIS website](https://ibis.org/) and in “Chair’s Report” presentations at worldwide summit meetings, bringing industry-wide recognition of the member’s support for the important efforts of the IBIS Open Forum.

* How much are membership dues per year?

Membership dues are 900USD per calendar year per member organization. Academic institutions are eligible for reduced membership dues (50% of full rate). New members may be eligible once for a half-year rate if they join after June 15.

* How do membership renewals happen each year?

IBIS Open Forum members vote annually in Q4 to set the membership dues for the following year. SAE ITC issues membership invoices normally in January of the following year or earlier by special request made to the IBIS Treasurer. Invoices may be paid by PO, credit card, or bank transfer. Membership terminates on June 1 or the first weekday following June 1 of the following calendar year, or prior to that date if the returning member organization chooses not to renew its membership or has undergone a merger with another member organization.

* Does a paid IBIS Open Forum membership include access to the source code of the IBIS Golden Parser (IBISCHK)?

The IBIS Golden Parser executables are FREE to download. However, IBIS Golden Parser source code is available for purchase. It is not included in the membership.

* How does a new member get involved in the IBIS Open Forum and its task groups?

The IBIS website [support page](https://ibis.org/support/) includes information on subscribing to official IBIS Open Forum email lists.  New members should subscribe to ibis@freelists.org to receive notifications of IBIS Summit meetings, IBIS Open Forum meetings, and BIRDs (Buffer Issue Resolution Documents).  Vote solicitation emails for paid members are sent to the ibis@freelists.org list.

Participation in task groups including Advanced Technology Modeling (ATM), Quality, Interconnect, and Editorial is also highly encouraged.  More information about each task group is found [here](https://ibis.org/subcommittee/). To sign up for mailing lists for the task groups and to receive meeting invitations and agendas, new members can subscribe at:

ATM: <https://www.freelists.org/list/ibis-macro>

Editorial: <https://www.freelists.org/list/ibis-editorial>

Interconnect: <https://www.freelists.org/list/ibis-interconn>

Quality: <https://www.freelists.org/list/ibis-quality>

Please contact the [IBIS Open Forum chair or any of the IBIS Officers](https://ibis.org/about#officers) for any questions.