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Arab-American Business & Professional Association

A a non-profit, cooperative,
voluntary-joined organization of business
and professional Arab-Americans, organized
to assist its members in dealing with mutual
business and professional concerns.



"To serve and promote
The Arab-American Business
& Professional Community"

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Our History

In the early 1980's, a group of Arab-American business leaders in the Washington D.C. area decided to form an association dedicated to helping the growing number of fledgling Arab-American businesses. In 1985 the Arab-American Business Association became a legal entity when it was granted a national charter as a nonprofit organization.

As interest in the work of the association grew among an increasing number of Arab-American professionals, the board of directors decided unanimously to amend the charter to include professionals as well. Thus, it became the Arab-American Business & Professionals Association (ABPA).

In 1991, ABPA announced the formation of a local chapter in Chicago, headed by Talat M. Othman who was joined by Muhamad Dabbouseh, Taha Elgawaby, the late Dr. Arfan Al Hani, Joseph Homsy and the late Issa Tadros. In time the Chicago chapter developed complete autonomy to meet the tone and pace of its community needs.

The Association's Goals Are To

The purpose of the Association is to promote the common interests of the Arab-American Business and Professional community.



Provide to members and the community information on business, economic and financial matters of concern.

Encourage cooperation and joint business activities amongst its members.

Promote commercial and business relations and good will between the United States and the Arab Countries.

Promote greater knowledge and understanding of the United States and the Arab World.

Provide assistance to members and the community in dealing with government agencies in business and professional matters.

To achieve these goals the Association will undertake programs and activities, either alone or in concert with other organizations and individuals, to serve the common interest of the Arab-American business and professional community. All such programs and activities will be conducted according to the highest business and professional ethical standards.

Since it's founding ABPA has been guided by two principal objectives:

1. To promote the economic welfare of the Arab-American business and professional community.
2. To foster trade and investment between businesses in the U.S. and those in Arab countries.

ABPA Membership Application

Join ABPA Today: *We mean Business!*

Company _____
 Full Name _____
 Title _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____
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Please make checks payable to ABPA and mail to:
 ABPA / 1300 N. Lake Shore Dr., Suite 7D, Chicago, IL 60610
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Annual Dues

(Please Check One)

- Sponsor \$5,000
- Corporate (25 or more employees) \$1,000
- Corporate (6-24 employees) \$500
- Small Business (5 or fewer employees) \$150
- Professional \$100
- Student \$50

ABPA membership is open to any of the following
 (Please check one category pertaining to you)

- Business or professional establishment owned in whole or in part by an Arab-American
- American company with business interest in Arab-American community and/or Arab countries
- Employed Arab-American business or professional person
- Employed business or professional person with business interests in Arab-American community and/or Arab countries
- Student