

Who we are

The NJ Association for Lifelong Learning is the professional association for administrators, practitioners, researchers, and policy makers in NJ. On this page you will find answers to often asked questions. How can I become a member? NJALL no longer operates as a member-based organization, but rather seeks to engage with all those concerned with the advancement of adult learning in New Jersey. For more information, view a copy of the new Constitution and Bylaws by clicking on this link. What is the membership cost? There is no fee for membership. What do I get through this affiliation? Perhaps the most important benefit of membership is the opportunity to engage in the professional community. Membership communication is an important part of NJALL, whether it is by gaining information through the web site and newsletters, or actively participating in listserv discussions. NJALL has representation on the State Council for Adult Literacy Education Services (SCALES) and members often serve on various working committees of the SETC, Department of Education, and Department of Labor and Workforce Development. NJALL sponsors conferences and special interest symposia for which Professional Development credits may be issued when appropriate. Additionally, NJALL develops special reports and issue papers and leads activities supporting legislative action at the state and federal levels. How does NJALL support the work that I do? NJALL has no paid staff. The work is accomplished by volunteers. However, there are expenses for items including postage, printing, and obtaining some additional help for large mailings or special events. How can I become more involved? The NJALL Board is always looking for people who want to get more involved. Initially, you may want to become active through listserv discussions or by sharing your ideas concerning NJALL activities. Members are encouraged to become active in the committee work that is at the core of all NJALL activities, and we are always looking for additional help with special events. For more information about how you can get involved, please send an email to njall@njall.org. How is the Board elected? Board members -- Officers and Members-At-Large -- are nominated and elected annually in the spring. At-Large members are elected for two-year terms, with a portion of the Board elected each year so there is overlap. Officers are elected for one-year terms (with the exception of the Treasurer who serves for three years). Only active members may nominate and vote. All members of the Board must be active members in good standing of the organization. What committees are a part of NJALL's structure? NJALL committees include, Advocacy, Awards and Scholarship, Communications, Conference, Finance, Learner Leadership, Membership, Nominations, and Professional Development. How can I join a committee? Members are encouraged to actively participate in committee work. To signal your interest, please send an email to njall@njall.org. Are students welcome to join NJALL? Students are most welcome to become part of NJALL. We are looking for student members to help us with our Learner Leadership work. When is your Annual Meeting? The Annual Meeting is held in late June. Members are welcome to participate in this celebration of the work of the year ending and of the incoming officers and board members. Why does NJALL consider advocacy a core element of the organization? The simple answer to this question is that Advocacy is one of the primary committees in the NJALL Constitution. More importantly, the NJALL Board recognizes that (for the most part) students, teachers and administrators are unaware of the policy issues affecting them. Through our committee work, NJALL provides leadership in identifying issues, developing strategies, and orchestrating tactics in support of positions which support adult learners and adult education. How do I contact NJALL?

The easiest and quickest way to contact NJALL is by sending an email to njall@njall.org. You may also send mail to: 16 South Avenue West, Suite 252, Cranford, NJ 07016.

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