SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

2024-2025



Independent Practitioners Alliance

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Reach Over 300 Independent PR Entrepreneurs

Veteran storytellers, PR innovators, and mentors to tomorrow's PR trailblazers

MEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS

Experience & Work Environment

- 95% have been practicing PR for over 20 years, approximately 10 years as an independent
- 90% work from home
- Almost one-third (30.9%) of respondents subcontract to others in a virtual agency model

Education & Certifications

- Vast majority of IPA members have a bachelor's degree in PR or Journalism
- 21% have graduate degrees in PR or Communications
- 90% of members participating in the survey have their Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) credential
- Almost 20% are part of the PRSA College of Fellows which requires 20 years of professional practice
- Majority of members fall in the 35-64 age range
- Women are represented 3:1 over men in IPA, but 2023 saw a significant uptick in membership among male indies

Geography

• Evenly distributed across the country – most in urban, then suburban and 5% in rural

Business Organization

- 50% LLC
- 46% Sole Proprietor
- 4% S Corp

Financial

- + 85% contribute to a retirement plan with an average contribution of 12%
- Most popular savings vehicles: SEP IRA, ROTH IRA, 401K



Every Sponsor Gets A Lot Of Love And Visibility On IPA Social!

When you sponsor an IPA program, small or large, all sponsors enjoy visibility across all of IPA's social media channels, another valuable return on your investment.



Facebook Public: 312 Followers



Facebook Private: (IPA Members Only) 360 members



LinkedIn Group: 770 members. The PRSA Independent Practitioners Alliance provides resources and a virtual gathering place for independent practitioners, whether they work alone or in teams, from home, small or shared offices.

IPA Forum: (Behind the PRSA Members Only Firewall) The IPA Forum is a peer to peer communication channel for members to reach out to one another for new business partnerships, PR tool questions, and general networking. IPA members can post on both the IPA member forum and the PRSA open forum; all IPA program activities are regularly promoted on both forums along with sponsor mentions.



What Comes With Your Sponsorship?

Sponsorship Opportunity Overview



PRSA ICON Meetups & District Conferences

All IPA events, including business building webinars, are included in the weekly PRSA Connect e-newsletter as soon as the registration page is live, and is included in weekly PRSA communications until the event takes place.

Each event offers all sponsors visibility across all of IPA's social media channels



Monthly Business Building Webinar Series

Designed by Indies for Indies

Our highly rated, monthly webinar series is designed specifically for independent professionals. These hour-long programs, held live and recorded for on demand replay, feature a variety of topics and subject matter experts focused on "the business of the business" to help you work ON the business not just IN it.

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Some of the many topics we cover include:

- Marketing your indie practice
- Filling your client pipeline
- Managing client relationships

Sponsorship includes:

- Sponsor acknowledgment prior to presentation
- Brand logo displayed on intro slide
- *We also encourage sponsor to provide a "special offer" to PRSA members

Residual Value: Program archive is available to members for a period of 1 year.

Packages

Individual:	\$300
2-spot package:	\$550
3-spot package:	\$750
Annual (11 Spots):	\$2,950

Ad Specs

400 x 300 pixels 72 DPI JPG or PNG The best thought-leadership opportunity is annual sponsorship.



Boosting your productivity

Contracts and billing practices
NEW: Financial Health Series



IPA Member E-Newsletter

The IPA Newsletter is issued four times per year and is put together by the IPA Communications team. Content follows a consistent format with current content that can include member profiles, summaries of programs and links to recordings, upcoming program promos, opinion pieces and other items of interest to our members.

Our IPA Newsletter open rate is an impressive 63.7% and has a click through rate of 61.3%, one of the highest among all PRSA newsletters.

Issued: 4x/Year

Advertising spots per Newsletter:

- Banner: \$450
- In-Text Spots (2): \$200 (each)

Exclusive sponsorship includes:

- · Sponsorship acknowledgement in banner/logo at top of newsletter
- Sponsorship acknowledgement in two other locations throughout newsletter

Ad Specs

400 x 300 pixels 72 DPI JPG or PNG

Packages

Sponsor an entire issue (Takeover): \$750

Takeover 2 issues: \$1,350

Exclusive sponsorship/all 4 issues: \$2,550

Dedicated Email to PRSA IPA Members

We look forward to working with you to craft an email that positions your product or service for maximum positive effect among our audience of independent PR professionals.

Opportunities

1 x	\$320
2x	\$520
Зx	\$720

Best value is a Newsletter Takeover



PRSA IPA VirtuCon

Whether by force or by choice, becoming a solo professional or independent practitioner ("indie") can be an extremely rewarding career move, but one also filled with trepidation and a LOT of questions. How do you get started? What are the basic tools you'll need? What do you not know that you need to know to ensure a successful indie practice?

The <u>IPA VirtuCon</u> was created in 2017 as a way for indies to enjoy the benefits of a conference-like experience without the added burden of travel and lodging fees, as well as the intangible cost of "closing up shop" to attend. Designed specifically for the virtual setting, long before virtual was a trend (or need), this half-day conference features keynotes and sessions that focus on the business of the business; working ON the business, not just IN the business!

Sponsorship includes:

- Sponsor acknowledgment on virtual platform
- · Brand logo displayed next to on-demand recording of the virtual conference
- Sponsor acknowledgment via IPA's communication channels

If you wish to be a sole sponsor, we will work with you to customize your program sponsor approach to provide maximum benefit for both you and our audience!

Residual Value: Program archive is available to members for a period of 1 year.

Opportunities

Sole Sponsor 3/Non-exclusive \$2,000 \$750

ICON Meetup

The IPA meetup at <u>PRSA ICON</u> (International Conference) is an opportunity for active IPA members to get together live and in person for high value networking and socializing. It's also an opportunity for us to invite potential new members to meet so we can introduce them to our section and invite them to join in an informal setting during ICON.

Sponsorship includes:

- Sponsor acknowledgment at intimate in-person event
- Pre-program sponsor acknowledgement
- Special thanks during introductory and closing remarks
- Logo, sponsor acknowledgement on IPA section events page

\$2,500

Local District Conference

(where available, please inquire)

Sponsorship includes:

- Prominent Company branding at intimate in-person event
- Special thanks during introductory and closing remarks
- Logo, sponsorship description on IPA section events page

\$500



Ready to Lock in Your Spot?

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