Professional Growth - Tips For Technical Writing
How To Make Art Out Of 1000 Words

You are invited to the first NPA Public Webinar of 2022 on **Tuesday, January 18th, 2022, at 8pm ET / 5pm PT**.

Technical writing is a skill many IT/Networking professionals are called upon to use in their roles, but it is not often taught in engineering and technical schools. For the January NPA Public Webinar, we will explore the purpose of technical writing, how to approach a project, and explore tips and best practices for putting words on paper.

Plus, attendees will receive a free Writing Tips PDF!

And check out the KnowBe4 Tool and MindEdge Learning Course of the Month!

Join your fellow IT/Network professionals for the first NPA Public Webinar of the new year!

Agenda:

- Introduction to the NPA
- KnowBe4 Tool & MindEdge Learning Course of the Month
- Presentation: Professional Growth – Tips for Technical Writing
- NPA Membership Has Its Benefits
- NPA Virtual Pub – How To Escape The Winter Doldrums

The NPA is your trade association for IT/Networking professionals, and we encourage each of you to join us for this special event.

Register today for the January NPA Public Webinar at https://bit.ly/npaevents

NPA Member Recruitment

The Network Professional Association values your membership and looks forward to serving your IT/Networking needs in 2022. Whether you work with hardware or software, databases or data security, the NPA is here for you.

Everyone is welcome to the Public Webinar. If you have peers or co-workers who might benefit from NPA Membership, please invite them to this month's NPA Public Webinar to learn what the NPA is all about.

Get Involved With Your Network Professional Association

As your Trade Association, the NPA is looking for ways to enhance your professional experience and we are asking for your participation in the following programs:

- The NPA website at https://npa.org is undergoing improvements every month, with new features and redesigned pages, with content for both members and the public. Be sure to check it out regularly to see what's new and invite your peers as well!

- We want to spotlight our members for the IT/Networking Community. If you have an accomplishment or achievement to share, please email your story to us and we will share in your success.

- We know the employment situation is complicated, with employers trying to find the right candidates and job seekers looking for better post-pandemic opportunities. We want to make sure you know you can post your resume and search our exclusive career database, as well as help you post your open positions at the NPA Career Center.

- The NPA wants to promote your professional events, both technical and networking. Whether local, regional or national, if you email us your event details or events you are planning to attend, we will post them to our Events Calendar.

- The NPA has filled its Social Media channels with articles from across the IT/Network business space, but we would rather promote your content. Check out our Editorial Policy and submit your content today. We would like to hear what you think and be sure to Like/Share/Follow our posts on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter!

This is your NPA and we want to make sure you get the most out of your membership. Feel free to contact us to let us know what we are doing right and what could use improvement. And we hope to see you at the next NPA Public Webinar or Member Advocator Meeting!

NPA Awards for Professionalism

The NPA is proud to honor IT/Networking professionals for their commitment to the ideals of the NPA. Candidacy is open to all networking professionals worldwide. Winners are selected based on their commitment to technical proficiency, ethical business practices, credential advancement, and ongoing achievement.

The 2021 NPA Awards for Professionalism were given out at the NPA Member Advocator Annual Meeting on December 14th, 2021. The following IT/Networking professionals were recognized:

Professional Excellence and Innovation – Corporate Fortune X

Vivek Thangaswamy

Professional Excellence and Innovation – Small Business

Jerry Sidham

Best Networking Professional – Career Achievement

Robert Korzuch

Certificate of Professional Excellence

John Petrochek

Top Of The Mark – Volunteer Award

Jim Belasco

The NPA congratulates all our 2021 winners!

Learn more about the [NPA Awards for Professionalism](#) and nominate someone you respect!

The Certified Network Professional (CNP) is the international professional designation for Information Technology (IT) and Networking professionals around the world. The CNP designation requires the demonstrated mastery of a body of IT and networking knowledge and the demonstrated ability to apply that knowledge in a professional setting.

The NPA recognizes the following IT/Networking Professionals for achieving the designation of Certified Network Professional:

Johnny Au-Yeung
David Bradette
David Deitch
Stephen Ibaraki
Richard Allan Kelley

Holders of the CNP designation demonstrate they possess the education and experience to practice to the highest standards in their field. Learn more about becoming a [Certified Network Professional](#) and apply today!

Important Changes Coming To NPA Memberships

Due to costs of operation and administration, effective January 1st, 2022, the NPA has raised the Community Membership rate to $40/year. The Professional Membership rate is remaining at $125/year.

The NPA will also be introducing an **Automatic Renewal** model, where memberships will automatically renew each year unless a member options out and chooses to renew manually. This will be effective for all Community and Professional memberships starting on January 1st, 2022.

The NPA is also pleased to begin offering **Multi-Year Renewal** discounts:

- Community Memberships will be reduced from $40/year to $35/year when renewed for 2 years, and $30/year when renewed for 3 years.
- Professional Memberships will be reduced from $125/year to $115/year when renewed for 2 years, and $105/year when renewed for 3 years.

The full multi-year rate will be paid in full at the time of renewal. Subsequent renewals will revert to the single year rate unless the member chooses to again renew for multiple years.

If you have any questions regarding your NPA Membership Status or Membership Renewal, please email membership@npa.org.

MINDEDGE LEARNING

The Network Professional Association has partnered with **MindEdge Learning** to offer their full suite of online self-paced education classes. This coursework, which covers both IT and professional growth in a variety of IT and business spaces.

NPA Members receive a 10% discount on all courses with the code *NPA10*. This benefit is open to all Community and Professional members. Students may earn Certificates of Completion, and some courses are designed for certification exam prep. Additionally, courses may apply to CNP Continuing Education requirements.

Be sure to check out the NPA MindEdge Learning Course of the Month at the January NPA Public Webinar!

Use the link in this email to secure your NPA benefits with MindEdge Learning benefit!

KnowBe4
Human error. Conquered.

KnowBe4 is the world's largest integrated platform for security awareness training combined with simulated phishing attacks. Join our more than 39,000 customers to manage the continuing problem of social engineering. visit https://knowbe4.com/

Customers of all sizes can get the KnowBe4 platform deployed into production twice as fast as our competitors. Our Customer Success team gets you going in no time, without the need for consulting hours.

The KnowBe4 platform is user-friendly and intuitive. It was built to scale for busy IT pros that have multiple fires to put out. The KnowBe4 goal is to design the most powerful, yet easy-to-use platform available. Need information for your decision maker: About KnowBE4 Security Awareness Training - PDF

Be sure to check out the KnowBe4 Free Tool of the Month at the January NPA Public Webinar!

KnowBe4 is offering NPA Community and Professional members a special 25% discounts on single and multi-year security awareness training subscriptions. Click here for your Free Quote!

NPA Career Center

The NPA has a brand-new public access Career Center with resources for job seekers and employers to find or offer quality IT/Networking opportunities. Each month, employers reach out for the most qualified IT/Network professions in the market, with access to active resumes, searchable via defined job criteria. Job seekers can define their criteria and search the continuously updated database of roles offered by top employers in the industry.

The NPA Career Center also features tools and services to help job candidates refine their search criteria, identify their prospects, and improve their presentation skills. Whether you are just starting out, transitioning mid-career, or looking for the next challenge on your career path, the NPA Career Center has what you need to prepare for and obtain your next employment opportunity.

Featured Job Opportunity: WAN/LAN Engineer (Full Time, Illinois)

Free NPA Resources

The NPA would like you to become a Community or Professional Member, but if you are not ready to take that leap yet, we offer several free resources to help you along your professional, career development and ethics in IT path.

- Check out the NPA Public Events Calendar for activities you are invited to attend
- It is the NPA version of Ted Talk – NPA Mentor Interviews – watch for free
- The NPA Awards for Professionalism – you don't have to be a member to be honored
- The Certified Network Professional – certification of your commitment to an ethical foundation, professional growth, and career development
- The NPA maintains an Industry Events Calendar with conferences and events around the country. Submit your own event details
- The NPA is proud to Partner with organizations that support our values of Professional Growth, Career Development and Ethical behavior

NPA 2022 Leadership Volunteer Opportunities

The NPA is looking for volunteers to support the mission and values of the Association as part of the NPA Executive Management Team in the following roles:

- Communications & Media
- Membership, Partnerships & Sponsorships
- Event Programming
- Infrastructure & Technology Support
- NPA Governors Council

Learn more about these opportunities at the January NPA Public Webinar. This is a great way to add skills and leadership experience to your resume!

Volunteers will receive a free year of NPA Professional Membership after completion of their first year of service to the Association.

To learn more, email membership@npa.org!

NPA Promotional Opportunities

The NPA has the following opportunities for members and non-members to work with the Association to promote their own organizations:

- Become a Sponsor or Partner of the NPA
- Become a Meeting Presenter at an upcoming NPA Public Webinar or Member Advocator meeting – topics may focus on IT/Networking, Professional Growth, Career Development, and Ethics in IT/Networking
- Promote your products and services through our Member Benefits package
- Advertise your products and services to other NPA members and the public

NPA Member-Only Facebook Group – Where NPA Members Gather

Network Professional Association Professional and Community Members are invited to join and participate in the NPA Member-Only Facebook group:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/npa.org

This is your interactive forum to mingle with your fellow NPA members. Whether you want to commiserate over the trials and tribulations of your job, celebrate successes and accomplishments, or seek peer support on a technical, professional, career or ethical issue, The NPA Member-Only Facebook Group is your private community space. Come check it out and say hi!

Your NPA – History & Values

The purpose of the Network Professional Association is to support your IT/Network career, help you improve your technical knowledge and skills, and guide you on what it means to become a more ethical IT/Network professional. Our three pillars are **Professional Development**, **Career Growth** and **Ethics in IT/Networking**.

For over 25 years, the NPA has been a community for the IT/Network computing profession, promoting ethics and professionalism in government, academia, and industry. As a member of the NPA, you are taking an active role in defining the future of the IT/Network industry.

The NPA is launching a Blogger and Vlogger network. If you think you have what it takes to go viral, contact socialmedia@npa.org.

For more information, please visit https://npa.org or contact MemberServices@npa.org

The Network Professional Association - Where IT/Network Professionals Gather

in	LinkedIn Association Page	f	Facebook Association Page	🐦	Twitter Association Stream (@NPA Advocator)
in groups	LinkedIn Association Group	👥	Facebook Association Member Group	▶	NPA YouTube Channel

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