

Component Opt-Out



The Board of Directors for each Component will be responsible for deciding whether or not to consolidate with other Components to form the newly designated Region. The following provides a summary of the implications of a Component deciding to opt out of the consolidation opportunity.

Legal & Tax Status

- Retains status as a separate legal entity, current EIN, and tax designation
- Manages tax reporting, filings, audits, and other compliance matters without National Association support

Governance & Operations

- Determines mission without reference to National Association affiliation requirements
- Determines and manages governance processes, bylaws, and policies independently
- Oversees assets and liabilities independently
- Manages risk independently

Programming & Membership

- Determines/delivers programs and member benefits in fulfillment of its mission, without support from or collaboration with the National Association or the Region
- Engages and tracks members independently
- Collect dues directly from members, independent of ASPAN national or regional resources

Note: individuals that are members of the non-consolidating Component or live within the geographic region of the non-consolidating Component may elect to remain members of the Component (or join the Component in the future), and/or may elect to join the National Association and the Region, at their discretion

Individuals that join the National Association and the Region will receive the same benefits (including the opportunity to participate in National Association governance and committees) as any other ASPAN member, regardless of whether they remain a member of the independent, non-consolidating Component

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Affiliation Status

- Non-consolidating Component will no longer be an affiliate of ASPAN as of the effective date of the Region's consolidation; will no longer be eligible to assign representatives to the national Representative Assembly
- No membership dues will be owed to the National Association or the Region by the non-consolidating Component
- No funding or services will be provided by the National Association or Region to the non-consolidating Component
- Members of the non-consolidating Component that choose not to join ASPAN will not participate in the services or benefits provided to ASPAN members
- Non-consolidating Component will be independently responsible for its own branding, naming, and communications; will not be able to use ASPAN branding or naming that might suggest affiliation

Overlapping Territories (ASPAN Region, Opt-out Component)

The following illustration depicts a fictional Region comprising the geographic territory of 4 original Components. Component #3 has opted out of the reorganization process and thus remains a separate, independent entity. The resulting Region covers the entire geography of the 4 original Components. The National Association and the Region will continue to serve the members across the entire geography of the Region and provide opportunities for representation across the Region. The new Region and the non-consolidating Component #3 will cover overlapping territory. The non-consolidating Component #3 will not be part of the National Association or the Region. It will remain an independent nonprofit responsible for its own mission, operations, and service delivery.

Sample ASPAN Region with Opt-out Component

