

## Membership Activation and Profile Management: Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Aside from the membership benefits I will continue to enjoy (eg. subscription to *ERR*), what do I now get access to on the website by becoming a member?**

A: As a paid member of NASSR, you will get access to:

- 1) **Discussion boards.** Currently there are four discussion forums. These forums are organized around the caucuses and will serve as a meeting place for general discussions before and after meetings at the annual conferences.
- 2) **Special offers** page. NASSR is currently working to secure discounts on books from several publishers. These discounts would be accessible to members only.
- 3) **Member directory.** The member directory serves as a way to find and contact other members of NASSR.
- 4) **Personal profile.** By becoming a member via this website, you will create a customizable personal profile with biographical information. You can update your profile at any time.
- 5) **Conference registration.** Only people with member accounts will be able to register for annual conferences.

**Q. How long does my NASSR membership last? When do I have to renew?**

A. Memberships are set for up to 12 months. However, all memberships terminate on December 31, regardless of when in the preceding year you joined or renewed. This is to bring membership in line with the publication schedule for *ERR* and the schedules for annual conferences. To get full value for your membership, we recommend renewing in

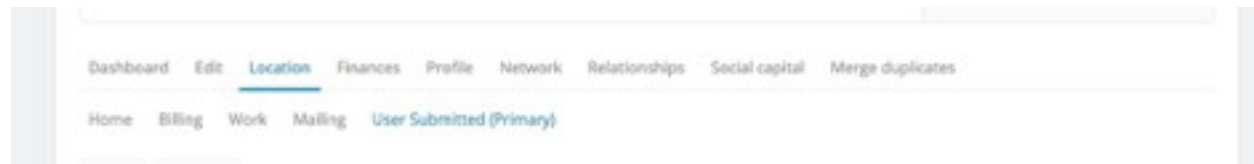
January. That said, we will accept membership dues at any time in the year.

**Q: Will the home address I used to join be on my public profile?**

A: No. The address you enter into the billing page is for PayPal only. It will not appear in the member directory.

**Q: Where do I enter my private address to receive my copies of *European Romantic Review*?**

A: When you're inside your profile, look for the "Location" tab.

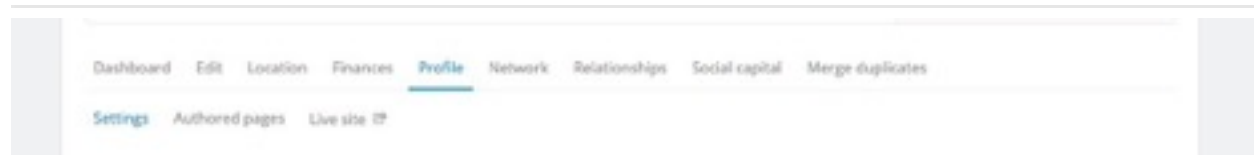


Here you can enter multiple addresses. We will send *ERR* to whichever address you list as primary, so please ensure that this is in fact the address to which you would like your subscription mailed.

**Q: How much room do I have on my profile for my biography?**

A: There are two fields into which you can enter biographical information (including publications, presentations, or whatever other professional activities you like). There is also a way to upload a photo and link to a personal or institutional website.

Details: Look for the "Profile" tab and, beneath that, "Settings."



On this page you can enter:

1) A **short bio** of approximately 50 words. This is a good place to list academic affiliation and public contact information that you do want other NASSR members to see.

2) The “Intro” field is where you can enter an **extended bio**. This can be several pages in length. However, the text field does not have rich formatting, so lists of publications become hard to read. This is a good space to describe your current or future research projects.

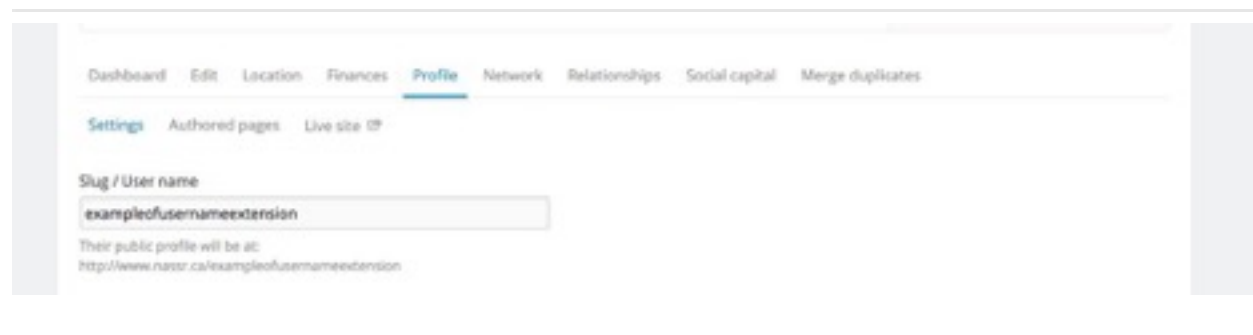
3) If you have a personal or institutional **website**, there is a field wherein you can enter the url. A link to this site will be displayed on your profile in the members directory. This is a good way to link your longer CV or list of publications, presentations, and other professional activities to your profile.

4) The “Headline” field will be the **title** of your long bio.

5) Members can also upload a **photo** of themselves with their bios if they wish. Just click the “Choose File” button under “Profile Image.”

**Q: What is the “slug / username” field for?**

A: This feature allows users to create a direct link to their NASSR membership bio for use in other documents or on-line media.



**Q: When I create a profile, there are boxes asking for a lot of personal information. Do I have to fill out all the fields?**

A: No. The only information we require is your name, an email address, and a mailing address so we can send you your copies of *ERR*. Everything else is optional.

**Q: Why does the site say that I “donated” to NASSR when I paid for my membership? Why does the site ask me things like “Why do you support NASSR” or prompt me to collect donations? What is “social capital”?**

A: All these questions are connected: the base platform on which the website is built was originally intended as a way to raise donations for charitable or political groups. As a result, there are several built-in features that are difficult to eliminate (eg. The “social capital” score works as a kind of carrot to encourage volunteers, who probably don't get paid, to invest time and energy into a campaign. For our purposes, we can basically ignore this). Over time, I'll try to eliminate these distractions. However, they will not impede how members can use the site.

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