

REFERENCES (this section must be completed)

a. Commercial references (not relatives or business associates. Two are to be given in addition to the sponsoring member of the Society)

1. Name _____

Address and/or telephone _____

2. Name _____

Address and/or telephone _____

b. CPS Member proposing applicant

Name _____

Proposer's Signature _____

C.P.S. Number _____

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CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY



AN INVITATION

Mailing Address:
Chicago Philatelic Society
P. O. Box A3953
Chicago, IL 60690-3953

Let us tell you about the Chicago Philatelic Society.

You will enjoy becoming a member and derive many benefits.

Founded on October 8, 1886, as the direct successor to the Chicago Stamp Collectors Union of 1884, the Chicago Philatelic Society (CPS) is one of the two organizations with the longest uninterrupted service to philately in the United States. In programs, in our annual exhibition CHICAGOPEX, and in other matters we are very much up to date! We meet every third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm for a short business meeting and a philatelic program by a member or guest.

Prior to each meeting, members meet for a Dutch-treat dinner, at 5:30pm. These dinner get-togethers offer pleasant conviviality and the chance of discussing philatelic matters on an informal basis. Many members attend these dinners regularly.

The CPS is Chapter No. 1 of the American Philatelic Society (APS). All CPS members attending our meetings may avail themselves of the APS journal, circuit books, and many other publications by APS and other regional and national philatelic organizations, show information, and many auction catalogs from this country and abroad.

Each fall, CPS stages CHICAGOPEX, an annual national-level philatelic exhibition. Its "national" status is recognized by the APS, and the winner of our open class becomes eligible to compete in the APS' Champion of Champions competition. In addition, exhibitors receiving high awards are eligible to compete in international exhibitions under FIP rules.

An annual Palmares banquet is held in conjunction with CHICAGOPEX. At its conclusion, exhibition medals and trophies are awarded, and the Newbury Award is announced (named after famed Chicago philatelist Saul Newbury and considered the most coveted award to a Chicagoland philatelist). The Anthony C. Russo Memorial Award is presented at the annual holiday party to the person who gave the best program during the past year at a regular CPS meeting.

The *CPS Bulletin*, published monthly, is designed to keep the membership informed and up to date on our own and others' activities. Members are encouraged to provide information for inclusion in the *Bulletin*.

As philatelists we all have common interests. The Chicago Philatelic Society was founded for and is designed to help serve these interests. You owe it to yourself and to your hobby to join one of the oldest, and most active and prestigious stamp collectors clubs in Chicagoland.

We hope that you will fill out the attached application form and come to our meetings at the Harold Washington Library, 400 S State St., Chicago, IL 60605



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OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

EXTRACT FROM THE BY-LAWS

ARTICLE IX - DUES There shall be charged against and payable by all members of the corporation regular dues, which dues shall be \$15.00 per year. ... In case the applicant is rejected, the money shall be refunded. ... Dues are payable in advance

Please read this application carefully before completing it. Please answer all questions.

Date _____

I hereby apply for regular membership in the Chicago Philatelic Society, and enclose \$15 for the first year's dues.

NAME (please print) _____

STREET & NUMBER OR P.O. BOX _____

CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

AGE ____ OCCUPATION _____ PHONE _____

EMPLOYED BY _____

I am a: Collector Collector & dealer Dealer

Collecting and/or dealer specialties _____

I am a member of A.P.S.; membership number _____

I am a member of these philatelic organizations: _____

I have never been refused membership in or expelled from any philatelic organization (please explain if this statement prevents you from signing the application)

SIGNATURE _____

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