

Membership Qualifications

- A. To achieve its goals, RMABA shall promote, develop, and accept, according to these bylaws, a membership of Antiquarian Book Sellers.
- B. Antiquarian Book Sellers are those persons who are actively engaged in the business of buying and selling antiquarian and/or used books, papers, maps, autographs, ephemera, and other related materials, on a non-auction basis.
- C. RMABA shall have two classes of membership: Regular Members and Associate Members.

Regular Members:

Candidates eligible to be a Regular Member shall be any person of good character and reputation, who has been actively engaged as a controlling owner in an antiquarian and/or used book business for at least one (1) year.

Associate Members:

Candidates eligible to be an Associate Member shall be any person engaged in the book trade or book services other than those business activities specifically designated as those conducted by Regular Members. These "book services" shall include, but shall not be limited to, bookbinders, printers, librarians, new book sellers who only incidentally carry used or out-of-print or antiquarian books or offer a book search service, and others whose interests involve books.

Application and Acceptance of Regular Members:

- A. Candidates to become a Regular Member shall apply in writing on the approved RMABA Regular Member Application Form at least thirty (30) days prior to any scheduled Regular or Special Meeting.
- B. The Applicant shall present their qualifications in the Application Form.
- C. The Application to become a Regular Member shall be considered by the Membership Committee to determine whether the applicant meets membership requirements. If the applicant meets the qualifications, the Membership Committee may solicit more information from the applicant's sponsors and Executive Committee and may ask for input from other members who may know the prospective member. The Membership Committee then recommends consideration of the Applicant by the Regular Members at the appropriate Regular or Special Meeting. Membership shall become effective immediately upon approval.

Application and Acceptance of Associate Members:

- A. Candidates to become an Associate Member shall apply in writing on the approved RMABA Associate Member Application Form at least thirty (30) days prior to any scheduled Regular or Special Meeting.
- B. The Membership Committee shall follow the same review and recommendation process it follows for applicants for Regular Membership.

Rights, Responsibilities and Privileges of Regular Members:

The primary responsibility of all RMABA Regular Members shall be to uphold the RMABA Bylaws, RMABA Code of Ethics, and the RMABA Standard Operating Procedures.

Specifically, Regular Members in good standing shall have the following rights, privileges, and responsibilities:

- A. To attend and participate in all Annual, Regular, and Special Meetings and RMABA functions.
- B. To vote in all RMABA elections and on business matters brought before the RMABA membership.
- C. To display the RMABA logo, RMABA brochures, and other RMABA materials.
- D. To identify oneself as a RMABA Member in all business applications, loan applications, resumes, etc.
- E. To promote the business ethics and professional standards promoted by RMABA.
- F. To solicit and promote membership in RMABA
- G. To hold office after one (1) year of serving as a Regular Member.
- H. To chair any RMABA Committee after one (1) year of serving as a Regular Member.
- I. To serve as a Committee Member of any Committee, except the Executive Committee, immediately upon acceptance as a Regular Member.
- J. To participate in all rights and responsibilities applicable to all the Regular Members.
- K. To pay Regular Member's dues and assessments when due.

Responsibilities, Rights and Privileges of the Associate Members:

- A. The primary responsibility of all RMABA Associate Members shall be to uphold the RMABA Bylaws, RMABA Code of Ethics, and the RMABA Standard Operating Procedures. Specifically, Associate Members in good standing shall have the following rights, privileges, and responsibilities:
- B. To attend and participate in all RMABA Annual, Regular, and Special Meetings and RMABA functions; however, Associate Members shall have no right to vote.
- C. To display the RMABA logo, RMABA brochures, and other RMABA materials.
- D. To participate in, but not to chair, a Committee.
- E. To identify oneself as a RMABA Associate Member.
- F. To promote the business ethics and professional standards promoted by RMABA.
- G. To solicit and promote membership in RMABA.
- H. To pay Associate Member's dues and assessments when due.