



NOWA Membership Application

Please indicate the type of membership, provide the requested information, sign and return this application with appropriate dues payable *plus a \$10 initiation fee*. **All dues and fees are payable in US funds.** Send to: **NOWA HQ, P.O. Box 82222 • Fairbanks, AK 99708.**

For additional information, contact Adela Jackson, NOWA Executive Director, at the above address, or phone: **907-322-8000**, e-mail: adelajackson@hotmail.com Web site: www.nwoutdoorwriters.org

Active (AC) \$50 **Associate (AS) \$50** **Active Retired (AR) \$25** **Apprentice (AP) \$25**

Last Name: _____ **First:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State/Prov:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____ **Fax:** _____

E-mail Address: _____ **Cell:** _____

Web Site: _____

*** Sponsor:** _____ **Spouse:** _____

** All new member applications must be signed by the sponsor prior to review by the Membership Committee.*

Professional Skills (check all that apply):

ARTS BIOL BOOK CINE COLU DESP EDIT EDUC GRAD GUID GOVT
LECT MAGA NEWS PHOT PROD PUBL RAD SCRI STOC TELE VIDE

ARTS--artist, illustrator; BIOL--biologist; BOOK--author; CINE--cinematographer; COLU--columnist; DESP--desktop publisher; EDIT--editor; EDUC--educator; GRAD--graphic designer; GUID--licensed guide; GOVT--government public relations; LECT--lecturer, speaker; MAGA--magazine writer; NEWS--newspaper writer; PHOT--photographer; PROD--film producer; PUBL--book, magazine, etc. publisher; RAD--radio broadcaster; SCRI--film/video script writer; STOC--stock photography; TELE--television broadcaster; VIDE--video producer

Specialty Subject Areas (check all that apply):

ARCH BIKE BOAP BOAS BOAC CAMP CONS DIVE FISF FISS
FISM FORM GUNS HIKE HUNT NATR SSKI TRAV VIEW WILM

ARCH--archery; BIKE--bicycling; BOAP--power boating; BOAS--sail boating; BOAC--canoes, kayaks, rafts; CAMP--tent, RV camping; CONS--conservation, environment; DIVE--scuba diving; FISF--freshwater fishing; FISS--saltwater fishing; FISM- fisheries management; FORM--forestry management; GUNS--firearms, shooting; HIKE--hiking, backpacking; HUNT-- hunting; NATR--nature, natural history; SSKI--snow skiing; TRAV--travel; VIEW--wildlife bird viewing; WILM--wildlife management

The Newsletter and Membership Directory is sent as a PDF file via e-mail.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: General membership applications should include the following -

- (1) An identification photograph of you, (head shot) in color or B&W - sent via email is recommended.
- (2) A typed, concise description of your media affiliations and professional activities, as you want it to appear in the NOWA Directory. Limit: 100 words.
- (3) New applicants must submit, with their application, samples of one half of required published or produced works or a combination (see attached Article I of the NOWA By-laws) (tear sheets only required).
- (4) Those that meet OWAA or other regional or state organization membership qualifications are only required to submit a list of recent publications.
- (5) All members are subject to audits at the discretion of the board.

I certify that I qualify for the above checked membership category under NOWA's By-law requirements (see Article 1, By-laws).

Membership Dues plus \$10 Initiation Fee enclosed: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOWA BY LAWS (in part)

BY-LAWS: ARTICLE I

Membership Requirements and Voting Eligibility

SECTION 1. RESPONSIBILITY: The processing of membership applications, with the exception of supporting member applications, is the responsibility of the Membership Screening and Ethics Committee. The processing of membership renewals and all supporting member applications is the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION 2. PERIOD: Membership requirements apply to the 12-month period immediately preceding original or renewal application for membership.

SECTION 3. CLASSIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS, VOTING ELIGIBILITY:

Active Member: The requirements for "Active" classification membership are: Illustrator, cartoonist, or artist: 6 published pieces of work. Radio or television broadcaster: 18 outdoor shows or broadcasts. Lecturer: 18 lectures on a scheduled basis. Still photographer: 21 published outdoor pictures. Movie photographer: 1, 24-minute or 2, 12-minute features. Magazine writer (part-time staff or free-lancer): 6 published articles. Newspaper writer: 24 articles or columns, or any combination thereof. Book author: 1 book every 3 years. Editors of magazines, newspapers or video and audio outlets, whose full-time duties include the review and presentation of conservation or outdoor recreation topic, irrespective of their state or province of residence. All work must be done for pay. An "Active" member has voting rights.

Active Retired Member: The requirements for "Retired" classification membership are: An "Active" classification member who is over 62 years of age, and who has 20 years standing in the outdoor media field or 10 years membership in NOWA, may apply for "Active Retired" membership (applies to all new member applications and requested changes in existing member classification received as of March 20, 1997). "Active Retired" members do not have to fulfill the professional requirements of "Active" members. An "Active Retired" member has voting rights.

Associate Member: The requirements for "Associate" classification membership are one-half of the requirements for "Active" classification membership. All work must be done for pay. An "Associate" member does NOT have voting rights.

Apprentice Member: The requirements for "Apprentice" classification membership are: A person who is interested in becoming an outdoor writer. An "Apprentice" member does NOT have voting rights.

Supporting Member: The requirements for "Supporting" membership classification are: A firm involved in the commerce of outdoor products and services. A "Supporting" member does NOT have voting rights.

Reference for NOWA membership application - submit application, page 1 only

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP SCREENING:

All membership applications shall include the signature of the sponsoring member prior to review by the Membership Screening Committee.

Applicants must submit samples of one half of required published or produced works or a combination thereof for the membership category, or categories selected, with their application.

All applicants for NOWA membership, except supporting members, shall within 60 days be reviewed by the NOWA Membership Screening and Ethics Committee for eligibility, as set forth in By Laws, Article 1, Section 3. The committee may by majority vote approve or deny any application, subject to challenge, such challenge to be resolved, by secret ballot, by the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall approve all supporting member applications.

The applicant, upon payment of all dues and initiation fees, will be recognised as a Proposed Member, with full rights of membership excluding voting rights, for the interim between application and committee approval. If the application is denied, all prepaid fees and dues shall be refunded at the time of notification.

Committee review procedures shall be applied to all first-time applicants and former members whose memberships have lapsed for two years or more. The names of proposed first-time or reinstated lapsed members shall be announced to the membership in the first available newsletter for possible comment.

Membership requirement audit and review procedures may be applied to any current member at the discretion of the NOWA Membership Screening and Ethics Committee or at the mandate of the NOWA Board of Directors.

The Membership Screening Committee has wide latitude and will consider applicants working in several related fields or whose works require unusual effort. Full-time professional communicators whose work include outdoor subjects, but does not meet the minimum requirements for stated membership categories may be given special consideration, at the discretion of the Membership Screening Committee and the Board of Directors.

BY-LAWS: ARTICLE 2

Dues and Initiation Fees

SECTION 1. INITIATION FEES: With the exception of supporting members, the initiation fee applies to all classes of membership. Any member who loses or drops her or his membership because of failure to meet membership requirements, failure to pay dues, by choice, or for any other reason, and who later wants to rejoin NOWA, must pay a new initiation fee to rejoin.

SECTION 2. DUES: Dues run from January 1 through December 31. For the first year of membership, members of all classifications who join before July 1st pay the full yearly dues rate, those joining after July 1st pay one-half the yearly dues rate. Any member who has not paid the yearly dues before January 15th or dues and late payment by February 15th of that year will be dropped from membership as of that date. Late penalty will apply to all reinstatements.

SECTION 3. RATES: The Board of Directors sets the amounts for initiation fees and dues, which are payable in U.S. funds. Dues for a "Retired" classification member shall be fifty percent of the "Regular" member classification rate. Effective September 1992, dues and initiation fees are as follows:

Initiation fee: \$10.00 (Supporting members exempt) Late Payment after December 31: \$10.00 (Supporting members exempt)

Dues:	Active Member:	\$50.00
Dues:	Active Retired Member:	\$25.00
Dues:	Associate Member:	\$50.00
Dues:	Apprentice Member:	\$25.00
Dues:	Supporting Member:	\$100.00