

Annual Membership Dues – 2015 United States Power Squadrons

Life members and those paying dues are entitled to vote at regular squadron General Meetings, and may be appointed by the commander to represent KSPS and vote at district and national meetings. Only elected officers may vote at Executive Committee meetings. Active family members are entitled to take classes for personal interest or to work towards a complete certificate and participate in local, district and national activities and events. Member households receive the local squadron newsletter, District 9 newsletter and national USPS newsletter. There are additional benefits outlined on the “member benefits” USPS.org webpage, such as discounts on insurance, deals or discounts with various vendors and other rewards.

Annual Dues contain four components:

1) an amount designated for the national United States Power Squadrons - USPS, 2) amount designated for the regional District 9 Power Squadron, 3) amount returned by national to our local KSPS squadron and, 4) one dollar contributed by each individual or family unit toward the USPS educational fund.

New Members - In addition to the annual membership fees in the table below, a one-time **New Member Joining Fee** of \$20 is charged by USPS. This charge covers an entire family for just \$20. It is only paid the first year. If after year one, a single member adds family, the \$20 is not charged for added family.

Member Category	One Time USPS Joining Fee	USPS Nat'l Dues	District 9	KSPS Squadron	Education Fund	Check to USPS
Single Member	\$20	45.00	6.00	35.00	1.00	87 + 20 = \$107
Family Unit	\$20	67.50	11.00	52.50	1.00	132 + 20 = \$152
Life w/ Attached Family		22.50	5.00	17.50	1.00	\$46
Sea Scout or Apprentice		12.00	-	-	-	\$12

Member Categories (details in Operations Manual)

Single - is a person who joins without active involvement of other family members. While a spouse or child of an individual who chooses *Single* membership may attend meetings and events, the spouse and children do not have voting privileges.

The **Family Unit** - short for **Family Unit with Active Attached Member(s)** allows all members of a family to fully participate in classes, activities events and voting. There are some restrictions on minors being elected. Family is anyone residing in the same household related by blood, marriage or legal adoption.

A **Sea Scout or Apprentice** (age 12 to 23) is a member on their own, without family, and may participate in all squadron and district activities, but may not vote or hold elected office.

Life Member - Once a member has earned **25 merit marks**, they become a Life member and no longer need to pay national USPS dues. However, there is a cost for family members levied by national and district. By selecting Life member **with additional family**, the family in this category, have voting and all other rights.

A **Cyber Member** is someone who joins through national USPS without specifying a local squadron. National then contacts the closest squadron(s) - which are responsible for recruiting the person(s) into their squadron.

Moving - There is a one-time fee of \$2 to switch membership from one squadron to a different squadron (for example: when someone moves to a new town or state). Many people retain their ties with their initial squadron by becoming an associate member. An associate member gets a roster and other communications, may participate in classes and activities, but cannot vote. All members may take classes anywhere they are offered, which is great for snow-birds. **Reinstatement** after missed dues deadline = \$22.50 in addition to annual dues.

If you need a membership application or have any questions about which member category is most appropriate for your situation, contact Lyn Bleyer (269) 731-5601 Bleyer@wmich.edu or Karen Strand (269) 964-6690 or swegian63@gmail.com