

**BECOMING A MEMBER OF WMSHC Inc.**

Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Community “WMSHC” promotes community-based singing from The Sacred Harp through Sacred Harp Singing Schools, an annual Singing Convention and other educational and outreach activities. The Convention has no institutional, religious or political affiliation, but fosters the fellowship Sacred Harp singing engenders, and all who wish to participate are invited to lift their voices in song, regardless of musical training or ability.

Please take the time to review this information before filling out the slip below and submitting your membership due (quoted information is from the WMSHC Inc. bylaws, for a full copy of the bylaws approach a member of the board).

**Article 8, Section 1. Member Description and Rights**

The corporation shall have one class of members, called “members.”

A member shall be any person who supports the accepted statement of purpose and who pays annual dues to the corporation not less than \$1. Member privileges include participation in business meetings, election of board members and convention officers, and approval and amendment of bylaws. Each member shall have one vote. Anyone willing to fulfill the responsibilities of membership shall be given the opportunity to become a member. All memberships shall have the same rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions.

It is important that members be willing to participate in votes as the quorum for votes is at least 50% of the membership.

Membership dues are due each year on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>. Membership lasts from date of payment through the next Oct 1<sup>st</sup> (see Article 8, Section 6 of the bylaws).

Please fill out the slip below and return with your dues. It is a requirement of the bylaws that the clerk keep a membership book recording name and address of members. As a member you will have the right to inspect the membership book, as well as other records of WMSHC Inc. upon petition to the Clerk (see Article 13, section 3 of the bylaws). Telephone numbers and email addresses (if you have one) will make notification of meetings, voting and so on much smoother so please include them

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WMSHC Inc. Member Contact information – return to any WMSHC Inc board member with dues (min \$1) or mail to **WMSHC P.O. Box 633 Northampton, MA 01060 attn.: membership**

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Mailing Address:

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