

MIDWEST ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION (MWABA)
Membership Benefits

- *Affiliation with a 30 plus years professional booksellers organization.*
- *Being part of a large booksellers community spanning 10 states.*
- *Name and business information listed in hard copy member directory.*
- *Name and business information on website member directory.*
- *Enhanced opportunity to network with fellow booksellers.*
- *Periodic online member newsletters.*
- *Email and website information and updates regarding various book matters, events and people.*
- *Book fair participants receive lower booth rates at MWABA book fairs.*
- *Non-book fair participants receive free admission to Chicago area MWABA book fairs.*
- *Member discount rate from Gaylord Brothers.*
- *Occasional member social events.*

If you are interested in becoming a member of the MWABA, kindly complete the attached application and return it to the Membership Chair identified on the Application for Membership form.

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1. Information provided in 1 & 2 should be written as you would want it to appear in the MWABA Membership Directory. Please type or write legibly.

NAME OF BUSINESS:

RETAIL TAX #:

NAME OF OWNER(S):

ADDRESS OF BUSINESS:

WEBSITE:

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):

TELEPHONE:

FAX:

EMAIL:

2. Brief description of your business specialties and your business hours (if an open shop), or mail order/internet only, or only open by appointment, etc.

3. How long have you been a bookseller?

4. Other information that you would like us to know about you. (*Attach another sheet, if needed.*)

5. References — Please enclose letters of recommendation from three current members of the Midwest Antiquarian Booksellers Association who are familiar with your business. These individuals should know you and /or have done business with you. Also note: It is your responsibility to make sure these letters are submitted with your application. Non-receipt or delays in receiving recommendations are the primary reasons why the processing of new members may be held up.

6. Any other comments?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please forward your completed application to the MWABA Membership Chair:

Darlene Aseves Spohrer, MWABA Membership Chair
C/O Autumn Leaves Books, Inc.
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Chicago, IL 60617

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What happens now?

Upon receipt of a completed application, the Membership Chair notifies the general membership of the new prospective member. The general membership then has 30 days to comment on the application. At the end of this period, all comments and recommendations will be shared with the Board of Directors who will be asked to vote on the application. The Membership Chair will notify the applicant of the results. Accepted applicants will also be contacted by the MWABA Coordinator, Joycelyn Merchant, regarding the details of where to send the initiation fee of \$50 and the annual dues of \$60 per year, which are due upon acceptance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Membership Chair directly at any time in the process. You may also browse the MWABA website at: <http://www.mwaba.com>.