

The Éire Philatelic Association

HISTORY

The Éire Philatelic Association was founded in 1950, by William J. Hickey and Neil Stack of the United States and F.R.A. McCormack of Ireland. They were soon joined by a relatively small group of collectors from Ireland, England and the United States who shared an interest in Irish stamps and postal history. The Association has flourished in the intervening years, maintaining its international character. Today, worldwide membership exceeds 550. The Éire Philatelic Association is affiliated with the APS, American Philatelic Society, and the FPSI, Federation of Philatelic Societies of Ireland.

PUBLICATIONS

One of the first activities of the Association was the publication of its journal *The Revealer*. Bimonthly from January 1951 to September 1963, it has been published quarterly since October 1963. Back issues and a cumulative subject index are available. The EPA has also published handbooks and monographs. Current special offers listing are in *The Revealer* and on our website. Arrangements are also made to obtain other publications pertaining to Irish philately. Members enjoy a discount on all publications.

CATALOG SUPPORT

The Éire Philatelic Association is acknowledged in *Scott's Standard Postage Catalogue*, the *Higgins & Gage World Postal Stationery Catalogue* and the *Feldman Handbook of Irish Philately*. In its many activities, the EPA caters to the interests of both the beginner and advanced collector of all phases of Irish philately.

MEETINGS

The Association conducts meetings in conjunction with major philatelic events throughout the year. Exhibitions in which we have participated are: BALPEX, PACIFIC97, ROPEX, CHICAGOPEX, PHILATELIC SHOW and the Irish National Stamp Exposition, STAMPA (Dublin).

AWARDS

Thomas Edwin Field Award: Recognition of outstanding contributions to the cause of Irish philately.
John J. Clark Award: Appreciation of exceptional service to the Association.
Vincent A. Linell Award: Presented to the author of the best article in *The Revealer*.

EXHIBITION AWARDS

An ÉPA medal and certificate are available for exhibits of Irish material at philatelic exhibitions.

SLIDE PROGRAMS

The Association has a number of slide programs available on Irish philately that may be borrowed for chapter and club programs.

AUCTIONS

Mail auctions, restricted to members, are held quarterly to coincide with the publication of *The Revealer*. The material runs from the more common to the rare. The Auction Manager also has charge of the "Trading Post", a column in which members may place wants lists, non-commercial sales or exchange notices.

WEBSITE

The website has up-to-date news of society activities, a list of books and other special offer items available to buy, details of previous and future meetings, a history of the society, links to other Irish philatelic related websites, the ABCs of Irish Philately, web pages showing some of the material collected by our members, and much more. The society auction is also online. Logon at: <http://www.eirephilatelicassoc.org>.

DUES

Dues in the Association are \$15.00 per year within the United States, \$20.00 for Canada and Mexico, and \$25.00 for all other countries. (The difference is due to postal charges.) Payments are to be made in U.S. Dollars, either in checks drawn on a U.S. bank, or in U.S. currency. If sending currency, use registered mail. Payment is also accepted in Euros, or Pounds Sterling, with checks drawn on Irish or British banks only. To use this method, determine the current exchange rate and remit a check in Euros or Pounds at that rate plus 50c/50p to cover bank charges.

MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE

Application is reviewed by the Secretary, and if it is found to be in order, the individual is notified that he, or she, has been accepted into the membership, subject to no objections being received by the Secretary following publication of the application in *The Revealer*. If no objection is received within 45 days of publication, the conditional status is removed and the individual is automatically admitted to full membership. During the interim period between application and admission to full membership, the individual shall enjoy all the privileges of membership unless objections are received. Should there be an objection, the Secretary will forward copies of the objection to the individual concerned and to the President, who will consult the Board of Directors to make a final determination on the application.

DONATIONS

The Éire Philatelic Association is a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and any donation, or Irish philatelic material, given for the benefit of the Association is tax-deductible.

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(International)



Celebrating over 50 Years of Service to

Collectors of Irish Stamps &

Postal History

est. 1950

www.eirephilatelicassoc.org

Membership Application for Éire Philatelic Association (ÉPA)

The Éire Philatelic Association is a non-profit organization and any donations, or Irish philatelic material, given for the benefit of the Association are tax deductible. Pertains to United States members only.

Applying for:

Regular Membership

Life Membership

Mr., Mrs., Other First Name MI Last Name

Address

City State / Prov Zip Code / Post Code Country

Age Occupation E-mail Address

Please check box if you do not wish to have your address published in our Journal

REFERENCE REQUIREMENT: No reference needed if a member is in good standing of; APS, AAMS, BPS, FAI, IPC.(circle as appropriate) Philatelic Membership Number: _____

If applicant is not a member of one of above societies, two business or bank references are necessary:

1: _____

2: _____

Name of Proposer: _____

Proposer's ÉPA Number: _____

Your Signature

Date

FEE SCHEDULE: All fees are listed in US dollars.

| | Sept. 1 - Aug. 31 | Life Membership |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| United States: | \$ 15.00 | \$ 300.00 |
| Canada/Mexico: | \$ 20.00 | \$ 400.00 |
| All Other Countries: | \$ 25.00 | \$ 500.00 |

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**Bond for Applicants Under 18 Years of Age**

If the applicant is under 18, the following must be completed by a guarantor, (parent or legal guardian).

I hereby agree and bind myself to act as guarantor of applicant named above and hold myself responsible for all debts to the Association of said applicant until applicant reaches age of 18.

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**Signature of Guarantor (required for applicants under age 18)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send completed application, along with check or money order payable to ÉPA, to the Secretary:

John B. Sharkey

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