



Monroe Actors Stage Company

Most of you by now are aware of the changes in our membership policy. In the past, membership consisted of a \$30 membership fee which was required of cast members and optional for others. Starting this season, membership no longer involves a fee. We want to encourage more of our members to volunteer. We also want to open membership up to folks who don't want to get on stage, but are very interested in helping out with all of the other tasks necessary to build a great community theater company. We would like to see our membership rolls expand.

The new membership requirements are below. We want to encourage all of you to report your volunteer hours so that you can become a member under our new system and so that we can also get a better idea of just how many volunteer hours our members contribute. The easiest way to do this is through our website -- [www.masctheatre.org](http://www.masctheatre.org). You can also send us a list of your volunteer hours by e-mail or snail mail. If you attend a work day, you can sign a sign-up sheet to record your hours.

Please let me know if you have any questions. My home email address is [cmiller@htc.net](mailto:cmiller@htc.net). Again, the easiest way to record your hours is through our website and I would encourage you to do this.

Christine Miller  
Membership Committee Chairman  
MASC

## **MASC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

### **BASIC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

There will be two options available to become a MASC member

1. Purchase of 1 season ticket and minimum of 20 volunteer hours worked.
2. Minimum of 50 volunteer hours worked.
3. Patron donor at Producer level or higher.

Members will be responsible for reporting their hours worked to the membership committee. There will be sign up sheets available at MASC events and work days. Members will also be able to record hours worked on the website.

Volunteer hours will not include simply being present at a play performance or fundraising event. If a member assists in the performance or the fundraising event, the time spent at the event will count toward volunteer hours worked (for example, ushering, box office, assisting at the fundraising event).

Membership will be validated prior to July 1 by verifying hours worked and/or purchase of season ticket. Those validated as members on July 1 will be eligible to vote in the forthcoming Board election.

These membership methods will start with the 2009-2010 season. Membership will be valid from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Those who have paid their membership dues for the 2008-2009 season will be eligible to vote in the Board election in the summer of 2009. They will also receive tickets to the next five shows even if some of those shows run into the 2009-2010 season. Those who have paid membership dues for the 2008-2009 season will not have to buy season tickets for the 2009-2010 season to be eligible for membership under method number one above - they will become members after a total of 20 volunteer hours.

#### **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Members will qualify to vote in the annual Board of Directors election, reduced admission to awards gala, membership news letter and other privileges offered to members.

Past members may remain on the mailing list until asked to be removed.