Since 1946

Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Pennsylvania Live Steamers. Our club was established in 1946 as an all-volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation of the nation's rich mechanical and engineering heritage. We are incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our members operate various scales of miniature railway equipment, with 1½ inch scale, 1 inch scale and Gauge 1 being the most prevalent.

We offer both Associate and Regular memberships:

> **Associate** memberships are available to everyone and are welcomed without any special requirements. Associate members may attend all scheduled events and are permitted to bring guests. Although there is no work requirement for associate members, participation on work days (Saturdays and Wednesdays) and during scheduled events is surely welcomed. Associate membership dues are $35.00 for the year.
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> **Regular** membership is available to everyone but is required if you own an operational locomotive with intent to operate it at PLS. Applicants for regular membership must complete a probationary period of at least one year, extendible up to two years. During this period, the applicant is required to participate actively in construction, maintenance, clerical, administrative or other approved duties at PLS on a minimum of ten occasions of not less than three hours each. Final regular membership acceptance is subject to approval by vote of the regular members after the successful completion of the probationary period. Regular membership dues are $120.00 per year plus a one-time initiation fee of $50.00. Regular members may:
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> 1. Vote on matters of club business
> 2. Be elected to administrative office (once meeting attendance requirements are met)
> 3. Operate their equipment on the railroad at any time
> 4. Acquire storage space for railroad equipment

Please download and complete the "Application for Membership" form. Also, as condition of membership, download and complete the "Member Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release of Liability" form. To complete the release form, read it carefully, date where noted, print name, and sign.

If the proposed member is a minor child (under age 18 on the date of signing), please complete the "Minor Associate Member Indemnification and Release of Liability by Parent(s) or Guardian(s)" form. Both parents must sign for the minor child, if possible. Otherwise, one parent or legal guardian may sign.

If you have any questions about how to complete the forms, please email *secretary@palivesteamers.org* or write to the address below.

Please complete all information for our records. Return the application form and the appropriate release of liability form along with your remittance, payable to "**PLS, Inc.**" Mail to PLS Inc., P.O. Box 26202, Collegeville, PA 19426-0202.

Sincerely,

PLS Membership Committee

Mailing Address • Post Office Box 26202 • Collegeville, PA 19426-0202
Railway Location • State Route 29 North • Rahns, Pennsylvania
http://palivesteamers.org

PENNSYLVANIA LIVE STEAMERS , INC.

Website: PALIVESTEAMERS.ORG

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE PRINT

FULL NAME		PHONE ( ) -	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
EMAIL	OCCUPATION		

☐ **ASSOCIATE ——— Annual Dues $35**

☐ **MINOR ——————— Annual Dues $35 Date of birth ___/___/___**
(Under 18)

☐ **REGULAR ——— Annual Dues $120 Initiation Fee $50**

A regular membership includes a probationary period of at least one year, extendible up to two years. During the probationary period, the applicant must participate actively in construction, maintenance or other duties at PLS on a minimum of ten (10) occasions of not less than three (3) hours each. Final acceptance of regular membership is subject to approval by vote of the regular membership upon successful completion of the probationary period. The work requirement during the probationary period is waived if the applicant lives beyond a fifty (50) mile RADIUS of PLS. A regular membership is required if the applicant owns a locomotive with intent to operate it at PLS.

Your Contributing Skills? (E.G. Electrical, Welding, Carpentry, Record Keeping, Computer, IT, Other?)

NEWSLETTER: (Select One)

☐ **Receive by Email (Selecting this option saves on ever increasing printing and postage costs)**

☐ **Receive by US Mail (Please add a $15 Fee to the above Annual Dues if selecting this option)**

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I agree to observe, and ensure that my guests observe, all posted regulations while on PLS property.

SIGNATURE: **DATE:** ___/___/___

Mail this form and a completed release form with your payment to:

PENNSYLVANIA LIVE STEAMERS, INC
P.O. BOX 26202
COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426-0202

All applications are subject to review and approval by Pennsylvania Live Steamers, Inc., which reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to approve or deny any application.

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PA Live Steamers New Member

MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I, the undersigned, an adult, as a prospective member of Pennsylvania Live Steamers, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "PLS, Inc."), recognize that the purpose for which PLS, Inc was formed is to formulate and carry out plans for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a live steam railroad, and to foster a spirit of cooperation among live steam railroaders. I understand that PLS, Inc. and its members, build, construct, maintain, refurbish, and otherwise operate live steam railroad locomotives and a variety of different types of locomotive power, similar to full-size railroads. I am aware that such activities involve the use of heavy machinery, boilers, and other potentially dangerous materials and conditions, and such activities, including riding on the trains, may be dangerous to my health and property. Further, I understand that PLS, Inc. makes no claim to any particular mechanical expertise in the construction, maintenance, and operation of a live steam railroad, or other forms of locomotive power. I understand and agree I am not an employee of PLS, Inc. and therefore, I am not covered under any workers' compensation or other medical/health insurance plan of PLS, Inc.

I hereby assume the risk of injury from all dangers, both stated and unstated, with regard to my involvement with PLS, Inc., including, but not limited to, my activity at the PLS, Inc. railroad sites. I voluntarily choose to participate in this type of activity and to devote my time and effort to this avocation.

By signing this acknowledgement, I hereby release PLS, Inc. and all of its members, officers, directors, supervisors, and agents, individually, for injuries or property damage arising, in whole or in part, from any negligence on the part of PLS, Inc., its members, officers, directors, supervisors, or agents, and/or any other persons with whom I may be working.

I understand that this Acknowledgement and Release covers any injuries and illnesses, both physical and mental, currently known or to occur in the future.

This is a full and final release of all such claims of every nature and kind including claims for contribution and /or indemnity and all claims whether or not currently known, suspected, or manifested at the present time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, have signed this Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release of Liability this_____ day of _____, 20____.

_____ _____

PRINT NAME **SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

(Please Print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

MINOR ASSOCIATE MEMBER INDEMNIFICATION
AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY BY PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S)

I, _____the undersigned minor (the "Minor Member") who is a member or is applying to become a member of Pennsylvania Live Steamers, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "PLS, Inc."), together with the parent(s) or legal guardians(s) of the Minor Member, recognize that the purpose for which PLS, Inc. was formed is to formulate and carry out plans for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a live steam railroad, and to foster a spirit of cooperation among live steam railroaders. We understand that PLS, Inc., and its members, build, construct, maintain, refurbish, and otherwise operate live steam railroad locomotives and a variety of different types of locomotive power, similar to full-size railroads. We recognize that such activities involve the use of heavy machinery, boilers, and other potentially dangerous materials and conditions, and such activities, including riding on the trains, may be dangerous to the minor's health and property. Further, we understand that PLS, Inc. makes no claim to any particular mechanical expertise or expertise in the construction, maintenance, and operation of a live steam railroad, or other forms of locomotive power. We understand and agree that the Minor Member is not an employee of PLS, Inc. and therefore is not covered under any workers' compensation or other medical/health insurance plan of PLS, Inc.

We hereby assume the risk of injury from all dangers, both stated and unstated, with regard to the Minor Member's involvement with PLS, Inc., including, but not limited to, the Minor Member's activity at the PLS, Inc. railroad sites. We voluntarily choose for the Minor Member to participate in this type of activity.

By signing this Acknowledgement, we hereby release PLS, Inc. and all of its members, officers, directors, supervisors, and agents, individually, for injuries or property damage arising, in whole or in part, from any negligence on the part of PLS, Inc., its members, officers, directors, supervisors, or agents, and/or any other persons with whom the Minor Member may be working. We hereby indemnify and hold PLS, Inc. harmless from and against any loss, cost, liability, expense or other damage (including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), resulting from, arising out of, or incurred with respect to, claims against PLS, Inc. brought by ourselves and the Minor Member. We agree to accept full responsibility for all medical expenses or other damages incurred as a result of the Minor Member's activities at PLS, Inc..

We understand that this Acknowledgement and Release covers any injuries and illnesses, both physical and mental, currently known or to occur in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, have signed this Indemnification and Release of Liability **this_____ day of _____, 20____.**

_____ _____ (SEAL)
PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME SIGNATURE of PARENT/GUARDIAN ON BEHALF OF MINOR

_____ _____ (SEAL)
PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME SIGNATURE of PARENT/GUARDIAN ON BEHALF OF MINOR

_____ (SEAL)
SIGNATURE of MINOR MEMBER