



## Information about Application for Regular Membership

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Regular Member of the American Custom Gunmakers Guild!

**Regular Membership is open to stockmakers, metalsmiths, engravers, metalfinishers and related specialist categories. Regular Members are individuals only who have had their work voted on by the Regular membership attending the annual meeting.**

### Benefits of Regular Membership:

- ▶ Receive the quarterly publication *Gunmaker, Journal of Custom Gunmaking*
- ▶ Voting privileges at Annual Meeting
- ▶ Complimentary copy of the Membership Directory
- ▶ Included with an individual page and photography in the Membership Directory
- ▶ Can use the Guild "Member" logo on printed items and advertising
- ▶ Eligible to participate in the publication "Directory of Custom Gunmaking Services"
- ▶ Discounts on Guild-produced publications, videos, and advertising in the newsletter
- ▶ Eligible to display at the national exhibition
- ▶ Eligible to submit proposal to be on a team to produce an ACGG Firearm Project

### Application Procedure:

1. Obtain form and review carefully. Be sure you have the most current form (12/2005).
2. Contact three current Regular members for their signature on page 5 "Recommendation."
3. Complete the form. (1) personal information page 3; (2) customer references page 4.
5. Write brief, concise paragraph about yourself/work (samples available upon request).
6. Have required photographs taken (1) color photo of yourself (2) color photography of your work. (These will be used in the Membership Directory.) You can include up to five photos (can be slides, transparencies, negatives or photos - no inkjet printer printouts) - and be sure to include a photographic release for use by the Guild. Write your name on the back (with a marker, not an ink pen). Be sure to number gun photos and include a brief description of caliber and model. They will be returned to you after the directory page is printed. Do not send digital photos or computer files unless you check with Jan Billeb first to make sure they are the correct format and size.
7. Submit application (pages 1-6), biography, photographs, copy of FFL, and application fee (\$260) **by October 15th**. Please have your application **complete**.
8. Submit your work for voting on the Friday before the annual meeting. Include a listing of the items and points submitted according to the application requirements of the categories for which you applied

## Acceptance Procedure:

1. Names of the applicants are published in the newsletter prior to the annual meeting. (You will receive a copy.)
2. Copies of your application materials are forwarded to the Membership Committee Chair.
3. The examples of your work can be shipped to either (1) the hotel (there are specific shipping instructions you can obtain from Jan Billeb or in the newsletter before the exhibition) or (2) to Guild Member Tony Fleming in Sparks, Nevada (he needs to be called in advance). Or you can make other arrangements.
4. When you arrive at the Exhibition area of the hotel, please ask for either Jan Billeb or Patti Quinnell. There will be a complimentary name badge ready for you and your guest/spouse. (You need to let Jan Billeb know in advance the names for badges.) If they are not available, please ask for a member of the Membership Committee.
5. Examples of your work must be ready for review Friday of the annual exhibition. (*You do not have to attend the exhibition or meetings, if you have someone who will be responsible for your firearms.*)  
Applicants' work is reviewed in a separate meeting room. You will meet with the Membership Committee at 9 a.m. to present your work. Regular membership voting by secret ballot is completed by 11 a.m.. **Only Regular Members are permitted in the voting room during the judging.**
6. The Membership Committee will inform you when the voting is complete whether you are accepted or not.
7. If not accepted, the Committee will offer advice or answer questions concerning your work. You will be given a one-year Associate affiliation (value \$95). The dues portion of your application fee will be refunded to you (but not the \$50 application fee). You may also decide leave to leave the application and dues on file for re-applying the following year. If so, by the next October 15<sup>th</sup> submit a letter of intent and an additional payment of \$50.
8. If accepted,
  - 1) You are eligible to display in the showroom for the remainder of the exhibition. You must have completed a table reservation form and paid the proper deposit.
  - 2) Please attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday morning for Recognition of New Members. You will be presented with your Membership Certificate.
  - 3) New Regular Members are also acknowledged on Saturday evening at the annual banquet and auction.
  - 4) A couple weeks after the exhibition, you will receive a package of materials from the Executive Director including: Bylaws, Ethics Guidelines, camera-ready Member logos, Firearms Projects Guidelines, Membership Directory, Name Badge. You will also receive a plaque and voucher from Brownells, Inc.
  - 5) Membership Dues: The ACGG Regular membership year goes from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the next year. Dues currently are \$140 per year.

If you have any questions regarding workmanship, procedure or the annual exhibition and meeting, please feel free to talk to any member of the Membership Committee, the Committee Chairman, or the Executive Director. We want this process to be a good experience for you!

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