

PPASS MN (Post Polio Awareness & Support Society)
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Form 1023 Part II, Question 11

a. Membership requirements and dues

The membership of PPASS MN consists of persons affected by polio and its late effects, commonly referred to as Post Polio Syndrome (PPS). Members may be a polio survivor, family member, caregiver, medical professional, or other interested party. Membership in PPASS MN is by submission of an annual membership application available from PPASS MN.

Membership dues are \$20.00 a year for those who can afford it.

b. Present and proposed efforts to attract members

One of the primary recruiting techniques will be our web site as discussed in part II, Question 1. In addition, we are currently listed on several other web sites:

<http://www.post-polio.org/ipn/sg-usa.html#mn>

<http://www.ppsr.com/groups/ppass.html> ;

<http://www.ott.zynet.co.uk/polio/lincolnshire/directory/org.html#Minnesota>

<http://www.polionet.org/support.htm#Minnesota>

and these have continued to add two or three new members per month.

Once we have the funds we will find a polio survivor in an area who is willing to work with us, we will then run an ad in the local paper. We will also try to get the local media to do a feature story on PPS. Both the ad and the hoped for feature story will mention the name and number of the local survivor who will volunteer to take calls and record names, numbers, and so forth. We will repeat this process throughout the state and within neighborhoods within the Twin Cities.

c. What benefits do members receive in exchange for their payment of dues?

The primary benefit to members is support received from other persons who are experiencing the latent effects of post polio syndrome. This benefit is through the monthly meetings of members and other communication with these members who share common polio related and other health concerns.

Members also receive a bimonthly eight-page newsletter. The newsletter contains information concerning polio and post polio that is of an historical, semi-technical, and non-technical nature. The newsletter also includes information about current and future organization happenings.

None of the benefits members receive are of more than a nominal monetary value.