



SGM Membership Form

Select Membership Level (renews annually)

- Individual, with electronic newsletter (\$15)
- Individual, with paper newsletter (\$20)
- Couple/Household, with electronic newsletter (\$25)
- Couple/Household, with paper newsletter (\$30)
- Address Change Only (no charge)

Payment

- Dues (see left)
- Additional Donation
- Total (Thank you!)

Remit Form and Payment To:

SGM, Inc.
PO Box 1394
Portsmouth, NH 03802

Your Personal Information

Please provide at least one way for SGM to contact you: full mailing address, e-mail address, or telephone number. Note that none of this information will be shared beyond the board of directors without your authorization, below.

Full Name: _____
 Familiar name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Home phone: _____
 Work phone: _____
 Cell phone: _____
 Primary e-mail: _____
 Alternate e-mail: _____
 Birth date: _____ Member since: _____

Your Partner/Roommate

The shaded sections are for couple/household members only. There's no need to duplicate same information from the column at left. Note that none of this information will be shared beyond the board of directors without your authorization, below.

Full Name: _____
 Familiar name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Home phone: _____
 Work phone: _____
 Cell phone: _____
 Primary e-mail: _____
 Alternate e-mail: _____
 Birth date: _____ Member since: _____

Your Preferred Method of Receiving SGM's Monthly Newsletter and Bimonthly Contact List

SGM's newsletter and contact list can be sent to you as paper documents or electronically. Your selection here must correspond to your membership level selected above. For the e-newsletter options, instructions will be provided each month to remind you how to download and read the format.

- I will download the newsletter/contact list from the SGM Website. Send me a notification e-mail for each monthly release.
- Send me the newsletter and contact list as e-mail attachments (PDF format; newsletters are typically ~800 KB in size).
- Send me a paper copy of the newsletter/contact list via postal mail to the address listed above.
- Send paper copies of the newsletter/contact list via postal mail to both addresses listed above.

Your Authorization to Share Personal Information with Other Members via the Contact List

By default, SGM assumes that you do not wish to share your contact information. If you do wish to share, you must specify the items you wish to share. Although SGM does its best to keep these "OK to share" items from the general public, we cannot control what 100+ members do with their copy of the contact list or members-only password. Please keep that in mind when making your selections.

- OK to disclose my full name, -or- OK to disclose my first name/last initial only
- OK to disclose my full address, -or- OK to disclose my city/state only
- OK to disclose my _____ phone number (select one of *home* (default), *work*, or *cell*)
- OK to disclose my primary e-mail address

Volunteer Opportunities at SGM

SGM is a completely volunteer organization that depends on donations of time, creativity, and skill from its members. Selecting one or more of the options below does not commit you to any of them; we know that life changes day to day. However, it does give us permission to contact you when we form committees or are in need of what you have to offer. Thanks very much!

- Serve on the Cruise committee
- Serve on the Programming committee
- Assist with activities (themed potlucks, Pride march, etc.)
- Contribute special skills (please specify): _____
- Serve on the Fall Dinner/Dance committee
- Serve on the Hospitality committee
- Assist with SGM public relations/outreach

Your Signature(s) *By signing here, you acknowledge that you are at least 18 years old and that you wish to be a member of SGM.*

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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SGM Membership Frequently Asked Questions

All the information we need to enroll you as a member of SGM is on the other side of this form. If you need more information before you make this decision, start on this side. To begin, here is a listing of benefits that you'll receive as a member:

- A year's subscription (12 issues) of *Identity*, the SGM newsletter, delivered to either your mailing address or your e-mail address
- A vote at the Annual Business Meeting and any special meetings called throughout the year
- A year's subscription to the members-only page of the SGM website, providing access to past issues of *Identity*, board minutes, contact lists, bylaws, etc.
- A membership card that gets you discounts at local businesses (list is periodically updated in newsletter)
- The SGM contact list, updated bimonthly and sent along with your newsletter
- Automatic inclusion in the SGM FunList
- Early notification of and occasionally reduced prices at events like the July cruise and Fall dinner/dance
- And all other benefits entitled to members

What is the cost to join SGM? Individuals may join for \$20 per year. Couples or households of two may join for \$30. Each membership includes a year's subscription to our newsletter and contact list, mailed to your home address. Alternatively, members may receive their newsletters and contact lists electronically (PDF format). If you choose this option, you save us money and we're happy to share that with you; please deduct \$5 from your membership dues!

What if I cannot afford the membership fee? SGM does not want financial hardship to interfere with someone becoming a member. The bylaws permit the treasurer to waive the membership fee for financial hardship. Talk to a board member if you want to become a member but cannot afford it.

What is the Contact List? The contact list is published every two months and is distributed to all active members.

It contains names and contact information of all members who have expressly requested inclusion on the list, and includes only those pieces of contact information specified. SGM takes its responsibility to safeguard personal information seriously, so it assumes that you don't want to be listed until you say otherwise, via the form.

What is the FunList? The FunList is a big e-mail exploder. It was designed to give SGM members a means of advertising a fun activity in which all SGM members are invited. When you join SGM, your name is automatically added to the recipient list of the fun@sgminc.org e-mail address. When someone writes to that address, you receive it, along with the 100+ members who are also on the list. However, no one sees who the message was sent to; the "To" field in the e-mail does not show the recipients. Thus, as a passive participant in the list, your privacy is protected. However, the sender of message, the "From" field, does appear, so use caution when you decide to be an active participant. At the bottom of each message sent through the FunList is a set of instructions on how you can opt-out of the FunList if you no longer wish to receive or send.

Is there an age requirement? Yes. To be a member of SGM, you must sign that you are at least 18 years old. Seacoast Outright is an excellent alternative organization to check out if you are under 18.

What if I have a change of address in the middle of my membership term? You can contact the secretary via e-mail at secretary@sgminc.org. Or, you grab this form from the SGM Website, print it out, check off "Address Change Only" at the top and send it to us. Thanks for keeping us up-to-date, this helps us keep your newsletter arrival timely.

What if I have additional questions? The board is always looking for ways to improve the membership experience. If you have concerns, complaints, or further questions, ask any board member directly. If you prefer to address the entire board at once, send an e-mail to board@sgminc.org. We will address your concerns in a timely manner and get back to you. Thanks for considering membership at SGM!