



Appalachian South Folklife Center

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*Cultivating Community and Celebrating Appalachian Heritage
In a Peaceful Mountain Setting*

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Dear Friend of the Folklife Center:

Last year we celebrated our 50th anniversary! We reached that milestone because of Friends like you! Now we are inviting YOU to become a *CHARTER MEMBER* of the Folklife Center.

As part of our 50th Anniversary year The Board of Director's has taken some time to reflect upon the work we do and the impact we have on our community; both our local community and our far flung visitors, friends and supporters. In doing so we determined that we needed to strengthen our relationship with you.

We want to know what YOU think about ASFC, and what you think we should be doing. AND we need your support! Your contributions over the years, in time, talent and money has allowed us persevere through the tough times, to maintain and improve our 65 acre campus, and to provide the BEST service work program and educational programs for youth.

In discussing how to achieve these goals the board of directors has amended our bylaws to provide for greater input from all of you by making the Folklife Center a membership organization and by re-invigorating our Community Council. This change will also allow us to do a better job of improving our facilities, strengthening our current programs, and planning new programs.

Three classes of membership have been defined. Regular Members are those folks who pay the standard \$60 membership. Sustaining Members are those who commit to make regular, re-occurring payment of at least \$10 per month. Those payments can be made by credit card or Paypal by using the DONATE button on our web page or by sending regular contributions by check. Lifetime Members are people who make a donation of \$1000 or more and will be noted in ASFC correspondence as such. The relevant By-Laws are enclosed.

As a Regular Charter Member you will receive a laminated membership card and an ASFC bumper sticker. Charter Sustaining Members will receive a

membership card, bumper Sticker and Friends of the Folklife Center Vol. 1 CD. If you are able to make a \$1000 donation to become a lifetime member please call us (304-466-0626) to discuss how your donation will be used and any gratuities you would like to receive in return.

Thank you for your support of the Appalachian South Folklife Center!

Most Sincerely,

James Campbell
President

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

_____ Enclosed please find \$60 for my Regular \$60 membership, or

_____ I am making a Commitment to become a Sustaining Member. I have _____ made a donation of \$10+ /mo) using the Donate button on the website **or** _____ I have enclosed my check of \$10+

_____ I wish to become a Lifetime member. And will call to discuss my contribution.

Comments/Concerns _____

ASFC BY-LAWS
ARTICLE VI— MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application for membership shall be open to anyone who shares the values and principles of the Folklife Center. Membership is granted upon completion and receipt of a membership application and payment of annual dues.

Section 2. There will be three types of membership, Regular, Sustaining and Lifetime. Regular Members shall pay dues on an annual basis; Sustaining Members shall pay monthly dues on a monthly basis and Lifetime Member will be those persons who make a onetime gift to the Center of \$1000 or more.

Section 3. Regular Membership Dues must be paid within 30 days of the anniversary date of first joining the ASFC membership or membership will lapse. The amount required for annual or monthly dues will be established by the Board of directors and may be changed by a majority vote of the members at an annual meeting of the membership. Continued membership is contingent upon being up-to-date on membership dues.

Section 4. Each member shall receive reports of the activities and programs of the organization, may make recommendations about the following years program and direction and may vote upon members of the Advisory Council. All members will be invited to an Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner to be held in at the Center in Pipestem in October. Members shall receive such tokens and gifts as the Board may establish. Sustaining members may also attend Center events and programs at free or reduced costs.

Section 5. The board shall have the authority to establish and define additional categories of membership and the criteria therefore.

ARTICLE VI ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 1. The Membership shall elect not less than 7 nor more than 15 persons to make recommendations about the policy and direction of the Corporation in keeping with the Purposes as set out in article II; to assist with fundraising for the corporation; and to advise and assist the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Any Member of the Corporation may be elected to the Advisory Council who is willing to actively assist in carrying out the purposes of the Corporation, has shown a commitment to the ideals espoused by the Corporation and who can provide physical, spiritual or financial support to the Corporation.

Section 3. The Advisory council shall meet quarterly, which meeting may be by teleconference, and may elect their own chairperson. The Chairperson will schedule each quarterly meeting (except the Fall Membership meeting) and see that written notice is provided to all Advisory council members at least 10 days in advance of the meeting.

Section 4-- The Term of Service for members of the Advisory council shall be three years. However, the initial term of office shall be one year for 1/3rd of the Advisory Council, 2 years for 1/3rd of the Advisory Council and three years for 1/3rd of the Advisory Council, so that a staggered term may be initiated. Members of the Advisory council shall be elected by the Membership at the Annual meeting of the corporation.