

# QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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This form for use by all U.S. Applicants  
 for membership in QCWA.  
**Fees Effective 7/1/2006**

For Official Use Only

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Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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First Licensed Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Deposit Record \_\_\_\_\_

**New Application?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Original QCWA No.** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Print Name Clearly) Present Call

having been licensed as an amateur for 25 years or more and presently holding the call listed above, (it is not necessary to have been licensed the entire 25 years) hereby apply for membership in QCWA. I understand that proof of the original date of licensing is required. My complete mailing address is :

Street Number and Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I will keep QCWA Headquarters advised of changes in my address and/or call sign. My first Amateur license was dated \_\_\_\_\_ and the Call was \_\_\_\_\_ Other Calls held \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to become affiliated with QCWA Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

<u>Select one of the following plans:</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Family Member</u> (ea. additional)	_____
QCWA Dues for a ONE-year period	\$20.00		_____
QCWA Dues for a TWO-year period	\$35.00		_____
QCWA Dues for a THREE-year period	\$50.00	\$12.00	_____
QCWA LIFE Membership	\$300.00	\$90.00	_____
When paid in 3 equal installments within a one-year period	\$315.00 (3 pay of \$105)	\$105.00 (3 pay of \$35.00)	_____

**INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE, ALL NEW MEMBERS .....\$3.00** \_\_\_\_\_

Gold membership pins available with your call engraved (no year tag) Check fastener:

Tie-tac \_\_\_\_\_ Screw button \_\_\_\_\_ Safety pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Year-tag pins (**tie-tac only**): 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 or 80 \$20.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

## A SHORT HISTORY OF QCWA

Greetings from QCWA! As one who is interested in vintage radio, you will be interested in a short history of QCWA. The Quarter Century Wireless Association began its existence during a 10-meter "round table QSO" on November 14, 1947 between six New York amateurs - John DiBlasi, W2FX; Uda Ross, W2UD; John Gioe, W2FD; Ed Crane, W2EF; Ernest Cyriax, W2DI and Irving Groves, W2DX. They agreed that they should meet with other old-timers and form a club of amateurs who had been licensed 25 or more years earlier. Word of this decision spread and at the first meeting on the evening of December 5, 1947, 34 amateurs from the Metropolitan New York area and one from Connecticut assembled. Here the organization was formed with John DiBlasi, W2FX, as President; George T. Droste, W2IN as Vice President; Leon Hansen, W2FIT as Secretary and David Talley, W2PF, as Treasurer. Later on the Charter Membership was expanded to include 21 additional members for a total of 54!

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for membership are simple. You must have been licensed at least 25 years before applying and you must be licensed at the time of applying. It is necessary that proof of licensing be provided. There are a number of ways this may be done. 1) a copy of your first license; 2) your first call listed in a published callbook; 3) a QSL card, with postmark sent to you confirming a contact; 4) a letter from someone who knew you and will write a note stating that they knew you as a licensed amateur in a given year. To help its prospective members QCWA has a library of callbooks from which your first year of licensing may be found if all other means fail.

## QCWA GROWTH EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS

QCWA growth was unprecedented. In order to keep membership on a personal basis, local Chapters were formed, many within easy driving distance of many major population centers. Low-frequency nets were formed and operated by the Chapters to insure that members everywhere would learn of meetings and activities. Currently, there are 127 chapters, holding meetings, brunches and dinners at which local interests may be discussed and personal contacts can be made and enjoyed. In addition, QCWA holds weekly HF nets on both phone and CW. Check the QCWA Web page for times and frequencies.

## NATIONAL QCWA MEETINGS

A National QCWA Convention is held annually where members can meet their Officers and Directors. Several hundred are generally in attendance. The Board of Directors meeting is held during the convention at which QCWA business matters are discussed and actions taken. Annual Phone and CW QSO Parties are held in the Spring and Fall of each year. Awards are given for those participating in the parties. A QCWA Journal is published each quarter in which reports of activities, notices, membership correspondence. New members are listed, as well as Silent Keys.

## QCWA GOVERNMENT

QCWA is governed by a Board of Directors. Officers and Directors are elected by membership every two years, serving two year terms. Every effort is made to obtain representation from all parts of the country. The Board is charged with operation of QCWA in the best interests of its members. The Board has responsibility to see that QCWA is operated within the tenets of its Constitution and By-Laws. Nomination of the Officers and Directors is by an appointed nominating committee, and by petition from the membership.

## QCWA

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
QCWA has established and funded, through the generosity and support of its members, a program of scholarships awarded to young men and women in amateur radio who are working toward completion of their formal education. The program, by any judgment, has been a success bringing added prestige to QCWA and at the same time honoring QCWA Silent Key members, in whose name the Scholarships are Awarded. In 2005 some 16 Scholarships were awarded.

## PROJECTS AND AWARDS

QCWA has an extensive series of Honor Awards, as well as awards issued to members recognizing years of licensing. The Honor Awards were created to bestow formal recognition to those who have contributed significantly to the advancement of amateur radio through the years. Funds to make all this possible come mainly from membership dues. The dues structure is modified from time to time as required. A current listing of the dues structure may be found on the reverse of this form. Life membership is available to those desiring to provide continuing support to QCWA.

## OPERATIONAL DETAILS

QCWA has more than 7,000 active members. QCWA maintains in-house computer equipment to insure accurate records designed for easy maintenance. All records are maintained in triplicate, so that in the event of disaster, at least one current record will remain. All member records eliminate professional or military titles or rank designation. In addition, we list only one call for each member at only one address. These may be changed at will, by a written notice to Headquarters. Reinstatement of members whose dues may have lapsed can be accomplished easily by payment of dues in any of the terms listed on the reverse of this form, without penalty. Each membership number issued is reserved for the member to whom it was first issued, for all time. The number is reissued to that member in the event of reinstatement. Family memberships are available for families having more than one eligible QCWA member, at a reduced cost. Membership directories are issued periodically.

## AS TO THE FUTURE

QCWA, through its membership, is now recognized as a force in Amateur Radio. The Organization has taken an active interest in, and participates in filing comments with the FCC which bear upon the Amateur Radio Service. To the extent possible, QCWA continues to participate in proposed actions which might affect our hobby. QCWA has signed an agreement with the ARRL in which QCWA puts the weight of its prestige behind the efforts of the ARRL, in those areas where such cooperation enhances the position of both organizations.

## IN CLOSING

Should you need added information about QCWA, its purposes and what it might mean to you, write to Headquarters, at the address below. You'll hear from us quickly! May we welcome you as a member?

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