



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEPSI

Dedicated To The Study And Advancement Of The Philately Of México

The Elmhurst Philatelic Society began in 1935 as a local stamp club for general collectors. In 1942, the membership made a decision to share a specialized collecting interest. After substantial study and deliberation, the postal issues of Mexico were chosen as the common collecting interest to coalesce EPS members. Mexico was chosen because it had the greatest number of collectable varieties of any country in the world. That is as true today as it was then.

In 1970, our name was modified to Mexico-Elmhurst Philatelic Society, International or MEPSI, a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Illinois. The decision to specialize in Mexico has resulted in an international society of Mexico collectors numbering over 600 members in the United States, Mexico and twenty other countries. MEPSI is internationally recognized and consulted as the source of specialized

information regarding all aspects of Mexican philately. The Society's research, discoveries and recommendations are regularly incorporated into most catalogs and philatelic reference.

MEXICANA MEPSI's award winning quarterly journal handbooks, library and expertization service; and various other member services will enhance your knowledge and enrich your explorations in all areas of Mexican philately. As a MEPSI member, you will join a community of serious philatelists with divergent interests and fields of study, united by a common bond - Mexico.

MEPSI and its members participate in many major philatelic events nationally and internationally. The Society presents Gold, Silver and Bronze awards at specific shows for exhibits on the philately of México.

MEMBER SERVICES

MEXICANA is MEPSI's quarterly journal. It contains authoritative articles authored by Society members and by experts in all aspects of Mexican philately. All MEPSI members are encouraged to contribute to *MEXICANA*.

MEPSI holds Society sponsored auctions of Mexican philatelic material. The auctions are usually by mail and are scheduled twice yearly. These auctions are open to Society members only and commissions are reasonable.

The MEPSI Expertization Committee provides expertization of specialized Mexico material with photographic certificates of authenticity by the world's foremost authorities on the stamps of Mexico.

The MEPSI membership directory is published every third year. It lists members of the Society, their membership numbers and collecting interests by mailing address.

Our library is available only to members and contains everything from rare books and research papers on Mexican philately to clipping files of articles on philately.

Local chapters of MEPSI are chartered in several locations. Generally, local chapters meet regularly and share knowledge on the subject of Mexican philately. Five MEPSI members are required to initiate a local chapter charter.

MEPSI publishes handbooks on many aspects of Mexican philately. Publications are available to members at reduced rates. Study groups of members with common interests are formed to research various specialties.

Circuit books are available for purchasing material needed for your collection. These are distributed via email. Those not having email can still access the program through surface mail.