

## Bay State Model Railroad Museum -- Membership Process

Thanks for expressing interest in joining our group. We have three membership levels at this time:

- **Junior Membership** – This membership is for students at least 14 year of age, and under the age of 18. Each Junior member must have an adult member sponsor and will not be granted private open access to the museum via a key to the facility. Junior members are unable to vote in museum business meeting voting matters.
- **Associate Membership** – This membership is for adults over the age of 18. This membership is identical to a Senior Member, minus not being granted private open access to the museum via a key to the facility. Associate Members have full voting rights in museum business meeting voting matters.
- **Senior Membership** – This membership is for adults over the age of 18. This membership comes with full private open access to the museum via a key to the facility and full voting rights in museum business meeting voting matters.

Membership to the Bay State Model Railroad Museum is not automatic. Due to the access that all members have to the museum, particularly Senior Members, all applicants must be vetted and voted on by the current membership of the museum. While each candidate's journey may vary, each prospective member shall follow the below process:

1. Begin attending our weekly Wednesday museum nights between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. During this period, the prospective member should engage with active members to get an understanding of the railroads and the museum.
2. After roughly 1-3 months of attendance, the prospective member shall either request an application, or be given one by an active member.
3. The prospective member shall fill out the membership application, and return it to the museum Secretary/Clerk along with payment (cash or check) equaling 3 months of dues for the membership type they are applying for.
4. The next 3 months represent their application period. During this time, the applicant shall continue engaging with active members and becoming part of the group railroad they are most interested in and the museum in general. This period is a trial period designed to help active members get to the know the candidate.
5. After at least 3 months, the next available museum business meeting shall be deemed when the applicant will come up for a vote to the general membership. A quorum must be present to move forward with the vote. Each applicant candidate will be asked to speak to the membership to express their desire to become a member of the museum, as well as introduce themselves to any members they have not yet met. At this point, the applicant will exit the meeting to allow the members to debate their candidacy for membership to the museum. At that time, a vote will be held. An applicant candidate must receive 90% positive votes in order to be voted into the museum.