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2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

First (Given) Name	Middle Initial	Last (Family) Name	Degree(s)
Employer/Institution		Department	
Mailing Address		Position/Job Title	
City	State/Province	ZIP/Postal Code	Country
Telephone	Fax	Email	

MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTION RATES

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP Regular member types have electronic access to the <i>Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology</i> through the SVP Web site as well as voting rights.	Print + Online Journal Subscription	Online-only Journal Subscription	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member – 1 year	\$140	\$125	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member – 3-year Membership	\$420	\$375	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate/Graduate Student Member – 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of a current university or college identification card attached. Note: Advisor/authorized academic official's signature required on this form.	\$ 60	\$ 50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Second Member – 1 year (living at the same address as another (primary) SVP member in good standing.) Indicate primary SVP member: Name: _____ ID# _____	NA	\$ 60	\$ 60
<input type="checkbox"/> Member from a Developing Country – 1 year as defined by the <i>Least Developed Countries</i> list created by the UN Committee for Development Policy. This list is located at: https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/publication/ldc_list.pdf	\$ 25	Indicate Country of Residence: _____	\$ 25

<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Member (see full description on website.) DOB (required): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Statement attached <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Reference attached Open to individuals between 14-17 years of age (as of January 1 of the year of application). Applicants must provide a 250-500-word typed personal Statement of Interest, as well as a Letter of Reference from a teacher, SVP Member, or other person in the field of paleontology (or related field) with knowledge of the applicant's abilities, qualifications, and interests. Junior Members do not have voting rights but do have full online access to the <i>Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology (JVP)</i> .	NA	\$ 25	\$ 25
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Donor Memberships Check one of the boxes below to become a Donor member. By adding a donation to your membership dues, you're helping to ensure the continuation and growth of our education and advocacy programs. Contributing, Sustaining, Partner, and Patron members are recognized in the Program Book and on signage at the SVP annual meeting. An acknowledgement of your donation and status as a Donor member will be sent to you.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Member - \$100 (in addition to dues price selected above)			+\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member - \$250 (in addition to dues price selected above)			+\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Partner Member - \$500 (in addition to dues price selected above)			+\$500
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Total Amount Due (Membership Dues Plus Additional Donation)			\$ _____

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Total Amount	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if this is a sponsored membership - Sponsored by (signature): _____	
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Billing Address for Credit Card			
Billing Phone, Email			
Authorized Signature			

Required Signature

Upon approval of my membership to the SVP, I agree to abide by the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology's Ethics Statement provided below. I also agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology from any claim or cost incurred in connection with this (if applicable) application or membership in the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, including procedural or ethics complaints and proceedings and results. NOTE: The application will NOT be processed without a signature of agreement to the 'hold harmless clause' above and the By-Law on Ethics below.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology By-Law on Ethics

"Article 12. Statement of Ethics".

Several goals for the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology follow from its mission statement (Constitution Article 1): to discover, conserve, and protect vertebrate fossils and to foster the scientific, educational, and personal appreciation and understanding of them by amateur, student and professional paleontologists, as well as the general public. Fossil vertebrates are usually unique or rare, nonrenewable scientific and educational resources that, along with their accompanying contextual data, constitute part of our natural heritage. They provide data by which the history of vertebrate life on earth may be reconstructed and are one of the primary means of studying evolutionary patterns and processes as well as environmental change.

- It is the responsibility of vertebrate paleontologists to strive to ensure that vertebrate fossils are collected in a professional manner, which includes the detailed recording of pertinent contextual data (e.g. geographic, stratigraphic, sedimentologic, taphonomic).
- It is the responsibility of vertebrate paleontologists to assist government agencies in the development of management policies and regulations pertinent to the collection of vertebrate fossils, and to comply with those policies and regulations during and after collection. Necessary permits on all lands administered by federal, state, and local governments, whether domestic or foreign, must be obtained from the appropriate agency(ies) before fossil vertebrates are collected.

Collecting fossils on private lands must only be done with the landowner's consent.

- Fossil vertebrate specimens should be prepared by, or under the supervision of, trained personnel.
- Scientifically significant fossil vertebrate specimens, along with ancillary data, should be curated and accessioned in the collections of repositories charged in perpetuity with conserving fossil vertebrates for scientific study and education (e.g. accredited museums, universities, colleges, and other educational institutions).
- Information about vertebrate fossils and their accompanying data should be disseminated expeditiously to both scientific community and interested general public.
- The barter, sale, or purchase of scientifically significant vertebrate fossils is not condoned unless it brings them into, or keeps them within, a public trust. Any other trade or commerce in scientifically significant vertebrate fossils is inconsistent with the foregoing, in that it deprives both the public and professionals of important specimens, which are part of our natural heritage."

Supplemental Signatures

Required for Undergraduate/Graduate Student Membership

Academic Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Required for Junior Membership

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____