

WANT TO BECOME A SEM LIFER ?

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SEM has over 3300 members, composed of individual, family, junior, senior, and lifetime memberships. We have 74 lifers, with tenures commencing as recently as January 2009 to as far back as December 1920. AMC has a policy for granting lifetime membership. Perhaps some of you may be eligible, or would like to consider it. There are two ways to become a Life Member –

The first way is to “earn” Life Membership through steady involvement with the club. Once an individual has been a member for twenty-five consecutive years and is at least 69 years of age they become eligible for complimentary Life Member status. Please note the stress on consecutive – if they have a break in their membership status – if they have been a member for 25 years “on and off” they do not qualify.

The second way to obtain Life Membership is by contributing \$1,000 to the AMC Endowment Fund for an Individual Life Membership or \$1,500 for a Family Life Membership. Individual Life Membership covers an individual with the full benefits of membership and cannot be transferred. Spouses and children under 21 who live at the same address are included in a Family Life Membership. The benefits are the same as Individual Life Membership and extend to all members of the family who meet the requirements.

Please note that qualifying for life membership does not happen automatically – members who feel they qualify will need to get in touch with the membership chair of the chapter or with the membership office at Joy Street for confirmation of their status before we can make them official. We cannot assume anyone has reached the qualifying age.

Life Members receive all the benefits of membership including the member magazine AMC Outdoors, plus a subscription to the bi-annual mountaineering journal, Appalachia. As a result of these benefits, \$213.42 of the total membership payment is non-deductible. The life member also receives invitations to assorted special events throughout the year.