

Berger Picard Club of America Membership FAQs

How do I know my application for membership has been received?

The membership Chairperson will send you a letter, outlining the membership process and reiterating these FAQs. NOTE: If you do not receive a letter within 30 days of submitting your application, please contact the membership chairperson to confirm its arrival.

How long after submitting my membership application will it take before I become a member?

In accordance with Club policy, your name will be forwarded to the Secretary for publication in the next set of club minutes for member comment. Those same pending applicants' names, along with any member comments, are then presented to the Board of Directors for approval or rejection at the next Board meeting following the publication period. It can take up to 3 months or more, including the 30 day member comment period, before the application process can be completed.

My check was cashed, am I a member of the BPCA now?

No. Your application fee will be applied towards your membership dues if you are accepted, if not, your application fee will be refunded.

How will I know when my membership application has been voted on?

You will be notified by the club corresponding secretary once your application has been voted on by the board of the BPCA. You will receive a welcome letter which includes among other items, a copy of the club's bylaws. The editor of the Picardier will send you a welcome campaign email consisting of the most current issue of the newsletter and information that will help you sign up on the club's social media sites.

Does the BPCA offer family memberships?

No, the BPCA offers individual memberships only. Memberships are non-transferable.

Can I subscribe to the Picardier?

No, the BPCA does not offer subscriptions to the club magazine. The "Picardier" is available through membership only.

When are membership renewals due?

Club bylaws state that dues are: "payable on or before the first day of January of each year." "In November, the Treasurer shall send to all members a statement of his dues for the ensuing year." No membership privileges are afforded to those members while their dues remain unpaid.

I moved and didn't get my renewal notice. Can I pay a reinstatement fee?

This is covered in the bylaws under ARTICLE I: Membership: SECTION 4: **Termination of membership** (b) by lapsing: "A membership shall be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the board may grant an additional 30 day of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote whose dues are unpaid" This is why it is very important for members to send their change of address to the club treasurer.

I am a foreign member, what method of payment should I use?

The BPCA is able to accept PayPal transactions made payable to the club through its PayPal account. This is the easiest method currently being used by foreign members, as dues are only payable in U.S. dollars. There are additional service/transactions fees that must be added to the total amount paid in order to utilize this method of payment. All requirements for payment methods accepted by U.S. banking institutions are listed for your convenience on the back of the dues notices each year.

If my membership has lapsed, how do I become a member again?

By reapplying for the same type of membership status held before you lapsed.