



MPC Services, Membership and Dues Information

[MPC Membership Categories – 2013](#)

Paid Memberships Effective June 1, 2013

Port Member

Citizens of Great Lakes port communities in Michigan earn a democratic voice in the MPC and statewide port issues through their locally elected governing bodies. MPC bylaws define a port member as a Michigan city, village, township, incorporated port authority, or county with primary local government jurisdiction for the Great Lakes coastal localities that host one or more Great Lakes port functions such as bulk cargo shipping, commercial maritime operations, passenger and cargo ferry services, and recreational harbors recognized by the Michigan State Waterways Commission.

Port Partner

Any other municipal government or agency, business, nonprofit group, association, or other organization may become an MPC partner.

Ex Officio Partner

The following qualify for Ex Officio Membership:

- International government or agency
- US Federal government or agency
- US state government or agency
- Native American Tribe or agency
- Higher education institution, college, program or agency

Recognizing the service, research, regulatory or funding responsibilities that each of these Ex Officio partners may have related to Michigan ports, such partners serve as advisors to the MPC board. These partners do not pay membership dues, recognizing that they provide essential information, grants, loans, key information and resources of importance to MPC ports and partners. Ex Officio Partners are encouraged to establish and participate in one or more MPC caucuses by issue, industry, function, etc. These partners are free to – and encouraged to - donate to and partner with MPC on specific projects.

MPC Membership Benefits

- Access to excellent **Michigan port-specific marketing**, including the ability to post your focused port and partner information to the MPC Website, MPC FaceBook and other MPC online media. We work to uniquely position you with other successful and active Great Lakes and International St. Lawrence Seaway communities and partners.
- Access to **members-only port resources** as determined by the MPC Board, such as select port information, research projects, training for best practices and creating effective online marketing links using the MPC website.
- **Voice on policy and funding issues in Lansing and Washington DC**, joining with Michigan ports and partners to advocate effectively.
- **Voice in MPC policy decisions:**
 - Each **PORT** member may vote on MPC policy positions put forward by the board, and each member may also recommend policy proposals to the Board.
 - Each **PARTNER** member may vote on an advisory basis to the MPC board.
 - Eventually, all members will be able to post their positions directly on the MPC website.
 - In the calendar year 2013, the MPC Board intends to propose to all paid 2013 MPC members a vote on membership in 2014 and beyond. To be considered:
 - MPC dues formula based on shared services and reduced membership rates individual citizens as well as for MPC ports and partners that are affiliated with MPC partner groups such as MML, MTA, MAC, SEMCOG, NEMCOG, MI Association of Regions, LCA, AGLPA, MBIA, Charter Associations, and others.
 - Affordable student, senior citizen, individual memberships and related benefits
 - MPC internship program
- Member ports **vote for MPC Board members, structure dues and bylaws proposals.**
- **Partner members vote to advise** the MPC board on all MPC issues, structure, dues and all matters put to the membership by the MPC Board of Directors.
- Port and Partner member representatives may establish **one or more caucuses** by issue, industry, function, etc. Caucuses vote for their caucus leadership. Caucuses advise the MPC Board.
- Representatives of paid member ports and partners earn a **50% reduction in registration fees** for MPC events between June 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013. In addition, the fee will be waived for one event display station at each MPC event during this same period.
- Representatives of paid member ports and partners who are NOT the designated member representative may attend MPC events between June 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 at a **registration rate reduced by 50%.**

MPC Membership Requirements

- 1) Complete an MPC membership application and pay 2013 membership dues.
- 2) Ports and partners that are not individual partners (including Ex Officio Members) must designate ONE individual authorized to represent the port or partner member on MPC matters subject to an MPC vote. These ports and partners may also designate up to two alternates who may serve in the absence of the authorized member designee.

MPC Membership – 2013 Dues

Port Member

2013: \$100.00

Port Partner

2013: \$100.00

Ex Officio Partner:

International Agency, Federal or State Agency, Native American Tribe, Higher Education Institution

2013: (No dues)

Special!

2013 MEMBERSHIP DEAL!

May 22, 2013 MPC Spring Summit

All of those registered for the May 22, 2013 Spring Summit may choose to become an MPC member and to register for the event for a total fee of \$175.00 – a savings. Become a 2013 member, earn benefits and attend the May 22 event for the effective rate of \$75.00! NOTE: Those who registered before May 8, 2013 may apply \$100 of their paid registration fee toward MPC membership or future MPC event / materials discounts. Contact Carol Linteau at the email or phone number below if early registrants have questions.

How To Join MPC

USMAIL

Mail completed form and payment to:

Michigan Port Collaborative
Post office Box 80686
Lansing, Michigan 48908-0686

EMAIL

Email completed form to:

Carol.Linteau@gmail.com

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM

Under Construction – stay tuned!

Contact: For Questions or Further Assistance

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