## Individual Membership Benefits

- Receive quarterly newsletter
- Receive annual Membership Directory, which lists each member's address, media affiliation, credits, publications and specialties, and also includes Supporting Member listings
- Opportunity to attend NYSOWA's Spring Safari and annual Fall Conference
- Participation in annual photography and writing recognition program
- Personal contact with company representatives for outdoor products and services
- Craft-improvement workshops
- Network with other communicators
- Develop marketing opportunities

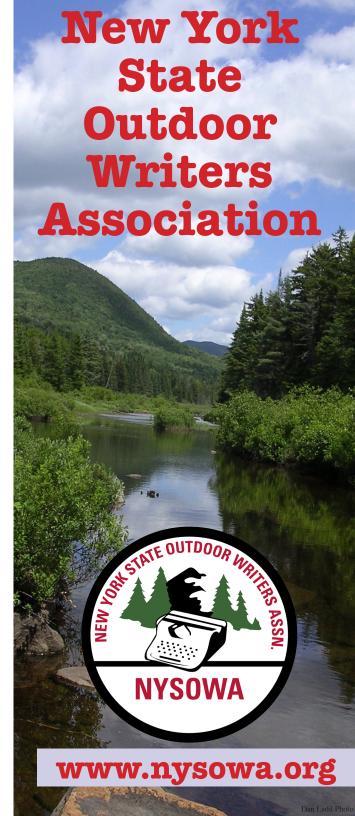
# **Supporting Membership Benefits**

- Listing in Membership Directory
- Use of Membership Directory for mailing list and social networking
- Gain exposure in and receive quarterly newsletter
- The opportunity to meet with active outdoor communicators during Spring Safaris and at Annual Fall Conferences
- The opportunity to conduct seminars and display products at Spring Safaris and Annual Fall Conferences
- The opportunity to exchange concepts and promote common organizational values



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#### What Is NYSOWA?

The New York State Outdoor Writers Association, Inc. (NYSOWA) is a professional organization of writers, editors, artists, photographers, broadcasters, telecasters, lecturers and others, including supporting members from the outdoor industry, dedicated to the development of an increased awareness, understanding and appreciation of the wise use, management, conservation and enjoyment of our natural resources. The primary purpose of the organization is to provide a forum that encourages membership participation and the open exchange of concerns, ideas and skills in the art of communication.

## Management

The elected officials of NYSOWA include: president, three regional vice presidents, recording secretary, membership secretary, treasurer and six directors. Members seeking nomination to office or the board of directors must hold active status and be a resident of New York State. Supporting members are not eligible to hold office, though a liaison to the board does specifically represent supporting member interests.

### **Membership Requirements**

**Active Member** – Any person meeting NYSOWA's professional standards who received compensation for the preparation and publication of information pertaining to outdoor recreational activities and conservation

**Associate Member** – Any person who meets 50 percent of the active membership requirements

**Supporting Member –** Any organization, association or commercial endeavor that shares a common interest with the New York State Outdoor Writers Association and desires to participate in the achievement of the organization's purposes

#### To Obtain:

\_\_Application for active membership

\_\_Application for supporting membership

Additional information

Please visit www.nysowa.org

#### **NYSOWA** Activities

NYSOWA is an active organization that convenes twice each year. These gatherings occur in various parts of the state to provide the opportunity for a wide selection of story material.

Annual Fall Conference – An annual fall conference is held, typically from a Thursday evening through Sunday noon, to bring our members together for craft-improvement and story-producing workshops, outdoor activities unique to the region, supporting member exhibits and demonstrations, an awards banquet and other social events. An annual membership meeting is held to elect officers and directors and to address other organizational business.

Spring Safari – Each spring, NYSOWA members will convene to enjoy story-generating activities that demonstrate the outdoor-related highlights on an area. This could include any of an array of outdoor activities, workshops or craft-improvement seminars. The Spring Safari may be held anywhere in the state, or even outside of New York's boundaries. No official business takes place unless a formal meeting announcement is issued by the president. It is simply a perfect opportunity to meet members, both active and supporting, while enjoying story- and photo-producing activities.

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