

## **SWKROA MEMBERSHIP**

The name of this organization is the SOUTHWEST KANSAS ROYALTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., although it is often referred to as "SWKROA."

The purpose of SWKROA is to foster, protect and further the rights and interests of the members of the Association. The Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association is organized and operates as an entity eligible for exemption from taxation under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any successor provisions.

The organization utilizes two classes of membership: Regular Membership and Associate Membership. **Regular Membership** is open to any Person who owns land, mineral or royalty interests in the southwest Kansas counties: Finney, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Morton, Pratt, Seward, Stanton, and Stevens. Additional counties may be added by the Board. "Person" includes an individual, and members, stockholder, partner or beneficiary of a limited liability company, corporation, partnership or trust. SWKROA welcomes land, mineral or royalty owners who may have interests outside the above listed counties above to join as Associate members. **Associate Membership** is open to Persons who do not qualify for Regular Membership. An Associate Member does not have voting rights and cannot be an officer or director of the organization.

Finances of this organization are maintained by **base annual membership fees** of \$70.00 per year for each member, **plus** \$5.00 for each 160 net mineral acres, or fraction thereof, owned by the member in excess of the first 160 acres of net minerals owned by the member. No fines, penalties, or assessments are or can be made to any member of the Association. The Board of Directors also welcomes and occasionally requests voluntary contributions to the Special Funds Account, which funds are used for special projects or litigation to promote or protect the interests of its members.

Membership fees are payable on a fiscal year basis, which is from March 1 of the current year to March 1 of the next year. The membership fees are payable by check to SWKROA, and should be mailed to SWKROA, 209 East Sixth Street, Hugoton, Kansas 67951.

## **FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS**

Family Memberships are available up to three (3) Family Members. A Family Membership will consist of a Family Head who will be the primary contact person for communications from the Association, including notices for payment of membership fees. The Family Head must qualify for Regular Membership, either as an individual, or as a Trustee of his or her trust, as Trustee of a testamentary trust, or as the majority interest owner or designated manager of a limited liability company or partnership. The Family Head must provide contact information for each Family Member.

To be a Family Member, such Family Member must not otherwise be able to qualify for Regular Membership based upon their surface, mineral or royalty ownership. Corporations and Associate Members shall not be eligible for a Family Membership.

The annual membership fee for Family Memberships will be the annual membership fee for the Family Head, plus an additional \$20.00 for each designated Family Member.

Family Members shall be entitled to attend meetings of the members of SWKROA, receive newsletters, have access to SWKROA materials and have access to the "Members Only" features on the SWKROA website (when available). However, a Family Membership shall only be entitled to one vote at all annual meetings or other meetings of the members of SWKROA.

A Regular Member may add his or her spouse to their membership, at no additional charge. However, such membership with spouse, will only be entitled to one vote at all annual or other meetings of the members of SWKROA and only one mailing of newsletters and other member mailings.