Until now, the Michigan Hemingway Society has been an informal, loosely organized group of scholars and Hemingway aficionados whose energies have been focused ad hoc on such events as scholarly conferences (entitled "Up in Michigan I and II) held in 1983 in Traverse City and in 1991 in Petoskey. In 1992 and 1993, the Society became sponsor of an annual Hemingway Weekend, held in Petoskey in October.

But we have reached the point at which this group of scholars and fans needs to include and cooperate with the community. Locations that figured in Hemingway’s life and fiction may be altered beyond recognition and memories may fade unless the work of preservation and documentation is begun now. We need to become a more tightly organized society. Accordingly, this letter launches a membership drive.

The dues are reasonable ($10 annual membership, $5 student membership, and $100 special charter lifetime membership -- rates guaranteed only until January 10, 1994). Please join by filling out the form attached and send it with your check made out to the Michigan Hemingway Society to:

Michael Wilson, Business Manager
Michigan Hemingway Society
% Little Traverse Historical Museum
P.O. Box 162
Petoskey, Michigan 49770

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Please enroll me in the Michigan Hemingway Society as a
☐ charter lifetime member ($100)  ☐ annual member ($10)  ☐ student member ($5)

Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________

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... encourage the study of Hemingway's relationship to Michigan in his life and work

... work to collect, interpret and preserve artifacts, memorabilia and places connected with him, and make all of these available to the public as well as to scholars

... unite the interpretations of internationally-known scholars with the knowledge, enthusiasm and support of the Petoskey community

... establish business headquarters in Petoskey, Michigan, in association with the Little Traverse Historical Museum; and establish scholarly headquarters at Michigan State University

... sponsor annual Hemingway Weekends in Petoskey, where he spent his boyhood summers and was inspired to use northern Michigan people, settings and incidents as a basis for much of his best early writing.

... sponsor scholarly meetings for the National/International Hemingway Society from time to time, beginning in 1995; such meetings (called Up in Michigan I and II) were held in 1983 and 1991

... celebrate in 1999 the centennial of Hemingway's birth by holding a conference jointly sponsored by the National/International Hemingway Society, the Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park, Illinois, and with the Michigan Hemingway Society.

... publish essays illuminating Hemingway's life and work -- the essays presented at the National/International Conference 1991 are being published by the MSU Press.

... publish a self-guided tour booklet for those who wish to see the places in the Petoskey area which figure in Hemingway's life and fiction

... publish and mail a newsletter to keep members informed of all activities and solicit member help and advice