All,

I just got a note from the Society Seneschal regarding a ruling he has made regarding the marshallate and am passing it along. He was asked to make a ruling on whether warranted marshals are to be considered officers and thus subject to membership requirements. His ruling was "Yes, as warranted safety officers of the SCA, they are required to have memberships." So as of this time this is official policy and Kingdom Earl Marshals in areas where memberships have not previously been required for authorization of marshals should put in place systems to comply.

In this case "warranted" marshals pertains to any marshal who goes through an authorization process to become a marshal and is warranted or rostered as a marshal. In the August 2006 revision of the Marshals' Handbook, this is laid out in section IX.A.2 and IX.A.3. Any marshal that is warranted or rostered needs to be a member.

Thanks,

Hrothgar