

## CHAPTER 16 - DUES

### 16.1 Dues

#### 1. Regular Members

The membership fees of the Corporation shall be established at each Annual Meeting, by vote of the delegates, and shall consist of the following:

**Local Chapter Dues:** May be assessed to each Local Chapter, irrespective of membership, as a flat rate yearly charged, and shall be due and payable in ninety (90) days of passing the National budget.

**Individual Dues:** May be assessed to each Local Chapter for each member, and payable in advance on the last day of the month that the member of the Local Chapter pays his dues to the Local Chapter, covering a period from that date to the end of the current membership year.

**Special Assessments:** Shall be due and payable in one hundred-twenty (120) days of passing the National budget.

#### 2. Associate Members

The fees payable by Associate Member organizations shall be set annually by the National Board. Such fees shall be due and payable on invoice.

#### 3. Collection of Dues in Trust

All payments made by individual members to Local Chapters for dues payable to the Corporation shall be held in trust by the Local Chapter and remitted in full to the Corporation by the end of the month in which the individual member's membership renews.

### 16.2 Dues Administration

#### 1. Registration of Membership

Each Local Chapter shall register with the Administrator on or before January 31st each year the details of its membership. Registrations of additional members will continue monthly. Membership registrations will be certified by the Local Chapter President.

#### 2. Notification to Local Chapters

If a Local Chapter disagrees with any notification, it must lodge a formal objection with the Administrator within one (1) month of receiving the notification. If such an objection is lodged, the Administrator will negotiate with the Local Chapter the correct amount for notification purposes. Any dispute will be resolved by the National Board, whose decision shall be final. All fees shall be held as accounts receivable and shall not be subject to waiver by the National Board. An interest charge shall accrue on all membership fees ninety (90) days, or more, overdue.

### **16.3 Unpaid Financial Obligations**

If any Local Chapter shall fail to pay its dues or other financial obligations to the Corporation within sixty (60) days following the date provided for payment, services of the Corporation shall be withheld from such Local Chapter. Services will be resumed as soon as full payment of such dues or financial obligations is received. Pursuant to By-law 3.9. Sect. 1, the Local Chapter will automatically be classified as Non-Voting at the National Convention in the fiscal year of an outstanding financial obligation.

### **16.4 Termination of Local Chapter Membership**

Local Chapters which are delinquent for more than one (1) calendar year in the payment of dues or other financial obligations shall cease to be Local Chapters, provided that;

- a) The Administrator has provided ninety (90) days written notice to the President of the Local Chapter concerned of the Corporation's intention to terminate the membership.
- b) The delinquent Local Chapter has been unable to give satisfactory justification for failure to meet the dues or other financial obligations.