MOTION

MEMBERSHIP FEES

2.3 Membership Fees

2.3.1New Member Badge/Joining/Administration Fee:

a. Each new member must pay a onetime only Badge/Joining/Administration fee on joining the Association in addition to the annual membership subscription.

b. Details of the Badge/Joining/Administration fee to be applied by Sub-sections or Sections without Sub-sections, on 01 January, following the National Annual General Meeting will be

set by Ordinary Resolution of the National Annual General Meeting.

c. The details are to include the dollar amount: (1) for a single member and partner membership; and

(2) to be dispersed to the Section.

d. The National Secretary is responsible for promulgating details of the Badge/Joining/Administration fee to

Sections and Sub-sections.

2.3.2 Payment of the Annual Membership Subscription

a. Each member, as defined in the Constitution Section 2 – Membership, must pay the

annual membership subscription in accordance with the Rules.

b. Details of the annual membership subscription and the distribution of Capitation Fees to be applied on 01 January following the National

Annual General Meeting will be set by Ordinary Resolution of the National Annual

General Meeting are reflected at Annex H to these By-laws. The details are to include:

(1) the total amount in dollars, and

(2) how the amount is to be dispersed between a Sub-section, Section and

National Council.

c. The National Secretary is responsible for promulgating the details of the annual

subscription to Sections and Sub-sections

d. The annual membership subscription is payable on 1 January each year.

e. An unfinancial Full member or unfinancial Restricted Member or unfinancial Affiliated

member will receive the first WE Magazine issued in the year in which they become

unfinancial.

f. On 31 December of the current financial year the National Membership Registrar

archives all members that have been un-financial for one-year. The archived

membership can be restored when the member pays the subscription fee for the

current year.

g. A Member or Associate Member who joins between 1 July and 31 October will be

required to pay only 50% of the annual subscription for that year.

h. A Member or Associate Member who joins between 1 November and 31 December

will be required to pay the full annual subscription payable as from the following 1

January and will be deemed financial for the following year.

i. The Sub-section Secretary or, where a Section contains no Sub-sections, the

Section Secretary, must ensure that a record of each annual subscription payment

is recorded in the local membership register, that the member receives an annual

membership card and the capitation fees are dispersed to Section Council and National

Council in accordance with Annex H to these By-laws.

j. Responsibility for payment of annual subscription rests with the member, who should

not rely on receipt of any notice or invoice.

k. A member who has been archived for non-payment of subscription(s) may apply to

rejoin in accordance with By-law 2.1.1 (but see also By-law 2.3.2 l).

l. The Sub-section Committee or Section Executive must reinstate a person to the

person’s former membership without break of service if all arrears are paid within

one year of being struck off the membership register.

m. Where the option to pay annual membership subscription arrears in accordance with By-law

2.3.2 l is exercised, membership years, previously in arrears, are not permitted to be

counted towards time qualification for the Award of Certificate of Merit and Life

Membership.”

n. See By-law 2.4.1c (13) regarding the payment of annual subscription for Life

Members.

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2.3.3 Date of Joining

a. The date on which a person applying for membership pays his/her annual Membership

Subscription and the Badge Fee is the date on which an applicant’s financial status as

a member is established. The new member will be considered from that date as a

Provisional Member of the membership class that he/she has applied to join.

b. The Provisional Member status shall be removed on the date that the relevant

Section/Sub-section confirms that the Provisional Member is accepted as a member

of the Section/Sub-section.

c. On confirmation of a Provisional Member’s membership, the date of joining is the date

that financial status was established at By-law 2.3.3 a.

d. Should a Provisional Member not be confirmed by a Section/Sub-section,

(1) the Membership Subscription paid by the Provisional Member is to be returned

to the Provisional Member; and

(2) the Badge Fee is to be forwarded via the capitation report and retained by the Section.

2.3.4 Life Subscriber.

a. The Life Subscriber’s subscription is to be paid in full by the collecting Section or

Sub-section to the National Council and is to be deposited by the National Council

in a bank account dedicated to Life Subscriber transactions only.

b. In setting the subscription structure to be paid by Life Subscriber applicants, the

National Annual General Meeting is to consider the current NAA Annual

Subscription, the mortality factor, the cash interest rate, and the inflation rate

applicable at the time of setting the Life Subscriber Subscription table.

c. The age and gender of the applicant are to be considered at the time of

making application to be a Life Subscriber.

d. A separate internal account of payments to and from, and interest received by each

Life Subscriber must be maintained in the Life Subscriber’s National Membership

Register record.

e. The interest accumulated on the Life Subscriber bank account is to be apportioned

to each individual Life Subscriber in proportion to the balance in each Life

Subscriber’s individual internal account at the time the interest is paid into the bank

account.

2.3.5 Payment of Life Subscriber’s Capitation

The National Council is responsible for paying the Annual Subscription/capitation as set

by the National Annual General Meeting that is due to a Life Subscriber’s Sub-section

and/or Section from the working capital of the dedicated bank account within the set time

frame for Full Members.

2.3.6 Responsibility to pay Annual subscription. By-law not yet issued.

2.3.7 Removal from the Membership Register. By-law not yet issued.

Annex H SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES

EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2020

01. Badge/Joining/Administration Fee Single: $5.00 Couple $10.00. (Paid to Section Council for issue of Membership badge)

02. Annual Membership Subscription Single $40.00, Couple $60.00

(a) Annual Capitation Fees

To National Council Single $19.00, Couple $30.00

(b) Section Council Fees Single $10.00, Couple $15.00

(c) Sub-section Single $ 11.00, Couple $15.00

Total $40.00 $60.00

03 Members who join between 1 July and 31 October

(a) To National Council Single $ 8.50 Couple $12.50

(b) To State Council Fees Single $ 5.00, Couple $7.50

(c) To Sub-section Fees Single $ 5.50, Couple $7.50

Total $19.00 $27.50

04 Life Members (See Note 1)

(a) To National Council (all Life Members) $17.00

(b) To Section Council (if nominated by a Sub-section) $10.00

05 Affiliates

(a) At National Level $ 25.00

(b) WEM to National /Kindred Affiliate Members $ 17.00

(c) At State Level $ 25.00

Note 1

Capitation Fees to be paid by nominating body or approving section where the nominating body no longer

exists. By-law 2.4.1 c (13) refers

**Argument**

**The By-law, Membership Fees 2.3 as written are confusing to the reader in that the language used throughout the paragraphs in 2.3 is inconsistent leading to irregular. An example is para 2.3.1 c. (2) that is identical to para 2.3.2 b (2) but this text does not apply to para 2.3.1 in that the new member badge, administration, or joining fee is paid via capitation returns, to the Section bank account.**

**The heading 2.3.1 Fees and Subscription does not reflect the reason for this fee or what the fee is used for by the Section or Sub-section. The most prevalent belief, at Sub-section level, is that the fee is used to provide the new member a membership badge while there is a perception that the fee is used as an administration fee. What ever the implied belief the reality is that the fee is used to purchase a membership badge from the Section as supplied by the National Council.**

**Written in plain English and written clearly the reader is left with a clear direction and a clear understanding of what the new member badge, administration, or joining fee amount is, how it is administered, how the fee is distributed and how the fees is reported. Further, the reader is cross referenced with Annex H of the By-law.**

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