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IWLA York #67 Proposed Membership Fee Increase

I don't know the last time our membership fees increased, but I'm pretty sure they haven't increased since 2012 when I first joined IWLA. Over the last several years the Board has taken steps to avoid increasing membership fees, but inflation has dramatically increased our operating expenses. Coupled with our aging infrastructure and the need for renovations, we need to take action to increase our revenue. To this end, the Board has voted to recommend a nominal increase in our membership fee. This increase will entirely benefit our Chapter. No portion of the increase goes to the National or State organization.

The recommended increase is \$20.00 per year for Regular Individual Members, \$30.50 per year for Spousal Members and \$5.00 for Junior members. Keep in mind that for an individual member this equates to \$1.67 per month which the board feels is a very reasonable request.

With this change, the membership fee for an Individual Member will increase from \$110 to \$130; Spousal membership fees will increase from \$167.50 to \$198, and Junior membership fees will increase from \$20 to \$25.

In 2023 the membership voted to amend the Bylaws to discontinue issuing membership discounts but retain all previously granted discounts. The revised membership fee for those members with grandfathered discounts will continue at the same discount percentage as before the rate increase but will increase proportionately (rounded up to the nearest dollar).

The revised fee structure will become effective for members renewing for the 2027 membership year and will increase the month following ratification for new members. Note that the initiation fee for new members remains unchanged at \$75.

In accordance with the existing Bylaws, Article I, having been approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board this proposed fee increase must be approved by a simple majority vote of those members in good standing of the Senior chapter attending a chapter meeting called for such purpose; provided thirty (30) days advance written notice of proposed change has been given. Accordingly, a vote on the fee increase will take place at the membership meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

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