

### **B3.2 FEES AND DUES**

- B3.2.1 The amount of any Application, Entrance, Promotion, or Reinstatement fees will be established by the Board of Governors.
- B3.2.2 The dues of any member or the entrance fee of a prospective member may be remitted for any special reason by the Membership staff. A member may appeal the Membership staff's decision on the remittance of "dues under special reason" to the Executive Director in conjunction with the President.
- When a new dues structure is created, it must be approved by the Executive Director in conjunction with the President.
- B3.2.3 The application fee and that part of the annual dues to be charged to the new member for the fiscal year remaining after the date of notification of approval shall be payable within 30 days after that date. The election process shall not be considered to be complete until receipt of this payment by the Society.
- B3.2.4 The annual dues for each ensuing year shall be due and payable on or before the first day of October.
- B3.2.5 A statement for annual dues shall be mailed to each member before October 1 each year. Notice of arrears shall be sent thereafter.
- B3.2.6 If a member's dues have remained unpaid for three months, their publications may be withheld.
- B3.2.7 Any member whose dues remain unpaid for a period of four months shall be stricken from the roll of membership of the Society.
- B3.2.8 If, in the case of nonpayment of dues, the right to receive the publications of the Society or to vote be questioned, the fiscal books of the Society shall be conclusive evidence.
- B3.2.9 The Membership staff may restore to membership any person dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of dues upon such conditions as it may deem appropriate.
- B3.2.10 The Board of Governors shall, from time to time, as seems necessary, establish the dues for a Student Member and the corresponding services rendered.
- B3.2.11 A member who has paid dues for 35 years and in addition has (a) reached the age of 65 years, or (b) retired from his or her regular work will be considered a life member.

Life Membership means membership without payment of dues. Upon becoming exempt from dues, the member continues in the previous grade of membership but the word "Life" is added.

Any changes in the life membership criteria are subject to approval of the Board of Governors.

Effective March 18, 2000 and not retroactively, student years of membership will be

included in the count of total years of membership as long as the graduated Student Member pays the first year Member dues (continuous membership from Student Member to Member).

- B3.2.12 Any member except Student Member may pre-pay dues for life by paying the Society at one time the present worth of an annuity equal to the member's dues for the remaining required dues period.

A prepaid member will become a Life Member 35 years after the date when his or her continuous membership began and in addition has (a) reached the age of 65 years, or (b) retired from his or her regular work.

- B3.2.13 A member of a technical society with which the Society has a reciprocal agreement who applies for membership in ASME shall not be required to pay any entrance fee. Such an applicant must file formal application for membership and must meet the membership requirements of the grade of membership for which application is made. This exemption shall apply only for entrance to an equivalent or lower grade of membership.