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The following amendments are being presented for approval.

You can view our current Club and Foundation Bylaws here:

<http://www.ekiwanis.org/files/Administration/Club%20Bylaws.pdf>

<http://www.ekiwanis.org/files/Administration/Foundation%20Bylaws.pdf>

Please also note the relevant section of the current Club Bylaws:

ARTICLE 10. BYLAWS and POLICIES

10.2. These bylaws will only be amended to comply with the Standard Form for Club Bylaws, as approved now or in the future by Kiwanis International. Amendments may be adopted by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the club members present and voting, provided at least fourteen (14) days previous notice is given to the members. These club bylaws and any amendments thereto are not effective unless approved by Kiwanis International.

The Dues Structure Policy document will be updated as follows if these amendments pass as presented.

[https://ekiwanis.org/files/Administration/eKiwanis%20Dues%20Structure%20\(New\).doc](https://ekiwanis.org/files/Administration/eKiwanis%20Dues%20Structure%20(New).doc)

Thank you for your consideration,

Kim Brown
2023-2024 President
Kiwanis Club of Greater Chicago – eKiwanis

Proposed Amendment 1 Increase Annual Dues

Submitted by: 2023-24 Board

Purpose: Increase Annual Dues to counteract International and District increases

Effective Date: October 1, 2024

Vote Required to Adopt: 2/3

Board Position: The Club has not had a dues increase since 2015. In 2022, District increased its dues by \$11. In 2024, International increased its dues by \$25. To counteract this \$36 increase, the Board recommends an increase of \$30, to \$150 annually. The Club would continue to pay semi-annually, \$75 in April and \$75 in October.

Additional Information: The majority of the Club has already paid \$60 for the first half of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, this will not change for members not yet on the pay-ahead plan. This change would affect the second half dues of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, and most of the Club would pay \$75 on October 1st, 2024. So effective dues for 2024-2025 will be \$135 and 2025-2026 will be the first effective year of \$150 dues. The Board feels the Club can tolerate this loss of income to reduce the impact of the dues increase on the membership.

Additional Information: This increase would have the Club make \$29 per member per year. Spending varies a lot from year to year, but the Club (the Admin account) spends roughly \$60 per member per year. Having half of this amount come from dues and half this amount come from fundraising is a good balance. Contact the Treasurer if you are interested in further details.

Amend Club Bylaws, Article A, as follows:

A. CLUBS DUES AND FEES

1. Annual dues amount: ~~\$120~~ \$150
2. New member enrollment fee amount: \$102
3. Other amount(s), if any:

Note: Above fields will be reduced for applicable discounts and prorates
Amount: 0

Proposed Amendment 2

Change New Member Enrollment Fee

Submitted by: 2023-24 Board

Purpose: Change the New Member Enrollment Fee to be a prorate of Annual Dues, minus applicable discounts

Effective Date: October 1, 2024

Vote Required to Adopt: 2/3

Board Position: International and District now charge a New Member Enrollment Fee that is prorated amount of Annual Dues (based on the new member join month, 1/12th discount for each month past October), minus applicable discounts (Former Sponsored Youth, spouse/multi-club magazine discount). The Board feels that the Club should be in line with this practice and charge a prorate based on Club Annual Dues, minus applicable discounts.

Additional Information: Currently, the Club only charges new members the Enrollment Fee due to International and District. The Club does not take in any net income from a new member. This would change this and be more in line with International and District -- the Club would now have net income from each new member. On average, this income would be \$7.85/member (see new Dues Structure for details).

Amend Club Bylaws, Article A, as follows. For simplicity, the below assumes that Amendment 1 passed as presented. If Amendment 1 fails or was amended, update the below as appropriate.

A. CLUBS DUES AND FEES

1. Annual dues amount: \$150
2. New member enrollment fee amount: ~~\$102~~ \$150
3. Other amount(s), if any:

Note: Above fields will be reduced for applicable discounts and prorates
Amount: 0

Proposed Amendment 3 Implement Former Sponsored Youth Waivers

Submitted by: 2023-24 Board

Purpose: Waive Former Sponsored Youth New Member Enrollment Fee and 2 years of Annual Dues, to be in line with International and District

Effective Date: October 1, 2024

Vote Required to Adopt: 2/3

Board Position: International has waived Former Sponsored Youth (FSY -- a former member of a Kiwanis International Service Leadership Program) New Member Enrollment Fee and 2 years of International Dues for a long time. In 2023, District implemented the same policy. The Board feels the Club should do the same and waive the FSY New Member Enrollment Fee and 2 years of Club Annual Dues.

Additional Information: The Club would owe no money for a FSY to join, and therefore the Club would collect no money for a New Member Enrollment Fee. However, only dues are waived for 2 years for an FSY; the magazine fee and insurance fee are still owed to International. Insurance is paid by Foundation. So the Club would still need to collect \$8/year from the FSY for their first 2 years to cover the magazine fee.

Amend Club Bylaws, Article A, as follows. For simplicity, the below assumes that Amendment 1 and 2 passed as presented. If either Amendment 1 or 2 fails or were amended, update the below as appropriate.

A. CLUBS DUES AND FEES

1. Annual dues amount: \$150
2. New member enrollment fee amount: \$150
3. Other amount(s), if any:

Note: Above fields will be reduced for applicable discounts (FSY new member enrollment fee waiver, FSY dues waiver for 2 years, spouse/multi-club magazine waiver) and prorates.

Amount: 0