



## American Association of Physicists in Medicine

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: AAPM Full and Emeritus Members

FROM: Gary A. Ezzell, Secretary

RE: Proposed dues increase for 2009-2013

At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the AAPM Board of Directors at their April 12, 2008 Meeting voted to forward to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting a proposal to increase dues each year for five years beginning on January 1, 2009. See chart below for details. Please plan to attend the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, July 30 at 5:30 PM in room 350 of the convention center in Houston where this issue will be discussed. Letters or emails regarding this proposal may be sent to me directly or to Lisa Giove at AAPM Headquarters ([lisa@aapm.org](mailto:lisa@aapm.org)). I will present a summary of the comments at the meeting. The deadline for receiving the messages is July 11. The actual vote will be held after the annual meeting, in the same fashion as we vote on By-Laws changes.

**Rationale** – Efforts to generating additional sources of non-dues revenue are underway; however, it is essential that the incremental dues increases passed by the membership in 2002 and extending through 2007 be continued. Membership needs have grown and our Members find it increasingly more difficult to donate volunteer hours. They look to staff to perform many tasks that in the past were done on a volunteer basis. There is also a greater need for continuing education and monitoring of professional interests.

AAPM has begun two very important initiatives for the Membership. These support the activities of the Joint Licensure Subcommittee and its efforts to obtain licensure or equivalent in each state, and efforts to prepare AAPM Members for 2012 and the increased educational and training requirements being instituted by the ABR. Together, these two items will require the expenditure of over \$600,000 in 2008. The current budget cannot support these efforts from the general operating funds of the Association. These efforts will also require continued funding in the years between now and 2012, requiring a long-term solution.

While all this activity is good, we must adapt to avoid drawing down reserves and creating a financial crisis in the future. *For a more detailed report, please see Mary Moore's Treasurer's report to be published in the July/August AAPM Newsletter.*

The chart showing the proposed dues structure is on the following page.

***PROPOSED DUES SCHEDULE:***

<b>MEMBER TYPE</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Full</b>	\$285	\$300	\$315	\$330	\$345	\$360
<b>Full Canadian</b>	\$200	\$210	\$221	\$231	\$242	\$252
<b>Emeritus</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Associate</b>	\$285	\$300	\$315	\$330	\$345	\$360
<b>Corresponding</b>	\$114	\$120	\$126	\$132	\$138	\$144
<b>International Affiliate</b>	\$114	\$120	\$126	\$132	\$138	\$144
<b>Junior</b>	\$200	\$210	\$221	\$231	\$242	\$252
<b>Students</b>	\$29	\$30	\$32	\$33	\$35	\$36