



## FAQs About TI's Dues Increase

*On August 26, 2005, the delegates at the 2005 Annual Business Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, voted to change the amount of dues. The new dues structure becomes effective October 1, 2005. Here are the new fees:*

Dues for Districted Clubs:	\$54 annually, \$27 payable every six months
Dues for Undistricted Clubs:	\$42 annually, \$21 payable every six months
New Member Fee:	\$20
Charter Fee:	\$125
Club Reinstatement Fee:	\$162

### **Is there a grace period?**

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Any person joining a club, paying renewals, submitting a charter fee or reinstating a club for the period beginning October 1 and beyond will pay the new rate. There is no grace period.

### **Are there any exceptions to the increase?**

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There are no exceptions to the increase. The rate increase applies to all transactions with a begin date of October 1, 2005 or later. It is important that all members support the organization financially to ensure that one group does not subsidize another.

### **Will the online system show the new dues amount? If so, when will that be available?**

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You will be able to add new members with October begin dates and pay renewals for the October through March period online beginning September 9.

### **Where do we get new applications?**

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New member applications reflecting the price increase are being sent to all clubs along with their dues renewal invoice. In addition, new forms will be available for downloading from the TI Web site by August 30. However, the

fastest and best way to add new members to your club is to enter the information online. You can enter new members and pay renewals starting on September 9.

New club charter application and forms reflecting the new dues structure, will be available on the TI Web site by August 30. Printed copies will be available in mid-September.

### **If I use a previous version of an application, will it be accepted and processed?**

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Since we will have the new application on line immediately following the convention, we ask that you use the new form. However, if you use a previous version of the application, we ask that you mark and submit the correct dues amount. If an "old" application with the "old" dues amount is received, it will be processed, but the club will be billed the difference, which is payable within 30 days.

### **What happens if we send in the wrong amount?**

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For renewal dues and new member dues and fees, WHQ will process the transaction, but we will bill the club the difference, which is payable within 30 days.

For chartering clubs and reinstating clubs, WHQ will notify the sender that the incorrect amount has been received and the paperwork will be held until the correct amount has been received.

### **My club forgot to send in applications for members who joined prior to October 1. What do we do?**

You can still send in membership applications with join dates prior to October 1. The new member fee and the dues will be at the old rate. However, the renewal payment beginning October 1 will be at the new rate.

### **My club paid dues for both the April 2005 and October 2005 periods in April. What do we do?**

Your club will be billed for the additional amount due for the October 2005 period, i.e., \$9 per person.

### **Our club chartered between April 1 and September 30. How much prorated dues do we have to pay for the October 2005 period?**

When your club chartered, members paid six months dues in advance. No additional money is required for that period. However, your club will be billed at the new rate for the prorated renewal dues. For example, if your club chartered in June 2005, the six months dues paid in advance covered the months of June through November. In September 2005, your club will be billed for the remainder of the October dues renewal period (December through March). The payment due for those months will be at the new rate (\$4.50 per month vs. \$3.00 per month per charter member).

### **Should we send new member applications with our renewal?**

As in the past, we ask that you not include new member applications with your renewal. It not only slows down the processing, but it also delays the dispatch of the new member kit.

For immediate service, please add your new members and pay your dues renewals online.

### **Do we have to change our club bylaws? If so, how.**

Article III of the Club Bylaws requires that clubs indicate the amount of dues and fees they collect from their members. Depending on how much your club currently charges members (international dues plus club dues), it may be necessary to change your club's bylaws. A copy of the Club Constitution and Standard Club Bylaws can be found on the TI web site:

[http://208.179.231.194/apps/Sections.nsf/Files/SectionIV-3/\\$file/SectionIV-3.pdf](http://208.179.231.194/apps/Sections.nsf/Files/SectionIV-3/$file/SectionIV-3.pdf)

Club bylaws may be amended at any duly called and noticed business meeting of the club at which a quorum is present, by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the active members present and voting. The amendment must be proposed in writing by an active member at the meeting immediately preceding that at which the amendment is to be voted on.

Should a bylaws amendment be necessary, you can take care of this important matter by:

- ▶ visiting the TI website and, under club business, clicking the title "Club Bylaws." This will bring up a template for you to complete. Upon hitting the send button, your club will have fulfilled the amendment requirements. This feature will be available in mid-September.
- ▶ sending an email to [clubbylaws@toastmasters.org](mailto:clubbylaws@toastmasters.org) with the relevant information. Upon receipt, the information will be filed with your club's original documents.

### **Who can I contact if I have any questions?**

For questions about new members or reinstating clubs, please email [membership@toastmasters.org](mailto:membership@toastmasters.org). For questions about renewals, please email [renewals@toastmasters.org](mailto:renewals@toastmasters.org). For questions about chartering a club, please email, [newclubs@toastmasters.org](mailto:newclubs@toastmasters.org). If calling WHQ, please ask for the Member Services Department. Any one of our representatives will be happy to assist you.

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