

Amendment to Change Bylaws Section 1.6 (Progressive Dues Schedules) and 1.7 (Dues Schedules)

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WHEREAS it is the practice of the organization to offer fee waiver for membership whenever needed and requested, it is imperative that this practice be documented.

Original Text: 1.7: *“Dues Schedules - Dues for at-large members (those not on the membership rolls of any Staffed or Unstaffed Chapter) and for member of chapters which elect not to collect their own members’ dues, shall be set from time to time by the National Executive Committee of the Guild.”*

We propose that the following language be adopted:

1.6: “Progressive Dues Schedules - All Chapters, whether Staff or Unstaffed, shall, in the setting of their members’ annual dues, employ a progressive dues schedule. **Whenever needed, a fee waiver for membership dues shall be given to the requesting member.**”

1.7: “Dues Schedules - Dues for at-large members (those not on the membership rolls of any Staffed or Unstaffed Chapter) and for member of chapters which elect not to collect their own members’ dues, shall be set from time to time by the National Executive Committee of the Guild. **Whenever needed, a fee waiver for membership dues shall be given to the requesting member.**”

Implementation: The National Office staff has in practice been offering fee waivers when requested due to lack of financial means. This amendment is meant to bring our governing documents in line with our actual procedures. No further implementation is needed. The NEC has consented to this amendment.