



WFSA Membership Dues Proposal – 2027 and 2028

Background

WFSA has a global membership dues structure, with the same dues levied on each Full Member Society regardless of their country's income level. This means that the American Society pays the same dues per member as the society in Zimbabwe.

During the March 2024 General Assembly in Singapore, the Board was requested to review whether a tiered membership dues structure would be suitable for WFSA. Following analysis completed during 2025, we have ascertained that the savings this would offer to Member Societies in lower-income countries would not be offset to a satisfactory degree without also increasing the rate paid by higher-income country Member Societies. For reasons of equity and parity we are not proposing to change this¹. In this regard we align with the World Federation of Intensive and Critical Care which offers a [standard membership dues rate](#) of USD 200 for societies with up to 100 members. (Note that this is different from what is done by quite a few other international umbrella bodies such as the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) and the World Federation of Neurology.)

When WFSA was set up in 1955, dues were USD 1 per declared member of each Member Society. If this had increased in line with inflation, the dues would currently be USD 12.09.² However, an increase in line with inflation has not previously been considered and it would not seem politic to propose doing so now.

The Full Member Societies attending the General Assembly in Singapore in March 2024 approved a USD 0.25 annual increase in the WFSA subscription per individual society member for 2025 and 2026 (rate of USD 4.35 for 2025 and USD 4.60 for 2026).

Implementing dues rate increases at regular intervals – albeit at less than the rate of inflation – is what allows us to continue to offer the very popular WFSA Fellowships, short

¹ During the meeting, the Treasurer will share the analysis done during 2025 to review the viability of a tiered membership dues structure for WFSA.

² <https://www.officialdata.org/us/inflation/1955?amount=1> accessed 30 Dec 2025

courses and other CME offerings, for which we are not able to secure external restricted funding. Given the reduced value of our reserves since COVID and the fact that receipt of our portion of the Singapore Tourist Board grant from WCA2024 is still outstanding, dues income is vital for our ongoing operations and educational project delivery.

Dues proposal 2027 and 2028

We are now asking the General Assembly to approve the dues for the next two fiscal years as follows:

<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
\$4.95	\$4.95

Recommended to the General Assembly for approval:



Professor Walid Habre
Treasurer, on behalf of the WFSA Board