

Bylaws changes dealing with at-large members

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Members-at-Large. A member-at-large of the Association ~~residing within the state~~ may become a member-at-large of the state upon payment of state dues. Individuals who meet the criteria for membership as described in the Association Charter and Bylaws, Article IV., Section 3.a (1), (2), and (3), are eligible to be admitted to membership in this state. The provisions set forth in this section are the sole requirements of eligibility and admissibility for membership. Refusal to admit an eligible graduate to state membership shall result in loss of recognition of a state. The state member shall be entitled to vote, hold office and participate in all state activities and programs and receive the publications distributed to all members

ARTICLE VI. FISCAL AFFAIRS

Section 2. Dues.

- a. The annual state dues for branch members ~~and members at large~~ shall be fixed by a two-thirds vote of the state convention upon recommendation of the State Board of Directors, provided written notice has been given to all members thirty (30) days prior to the convention. Dues shall include a subscription to the state and Association publications distributed to all members. Such dues are payable to state treasurer on July 1. Dues of new members may be accepted any time.
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- d. A member-at-large belonging to the state shall pay the current annual state dues for at-large members, which includes an annual subscription to the state publication. State dues for at-large members shall be established by the state Board of Directors. Dues are payable on July 1 and shall be considered in arrears unless paid to the state, postmarked no later than July 31.

Rationale for changes dealing with at-large members

It is possible that state dues for state members-at-large may need to be set at a different level from that paid by branch members. For instance, if we were to do a special recruiting campaign, we may need to cover those costs from the state dues that we collected. As another example, if the Association were to offer to collect state dues on behalf of the states, it may very well be necessary to set those at-large dues at a different level from the dues paid by branch members. This change gives the state board flexibility in those cases.

In practice, members who reside outside of North Carolina have become at-large members of AAUW NC (at times, at least initially, with gift memberships). This change removes the implicit prohibition against such a membership.