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To the BOD,

After much discussion, the following are the recommendations of the Budget Committee. Please keep in mind these are for new memberships and will not effect existing Life Memberships. The committee was faced with the problem that a life membership needs somehow to cover its cost. One way is to simply try to guess how much that might be over a 20 year period and divide the outcome. One way would be to just not have any life memberships, as setting annual membership rates is something easily done with current financial information. It also needs to be pointed out that the information we have from past years has not been verified. The financial information we are all getting now is excellent and will greatly aid us in the future, but it is for only a portion of this current year, giving us a narrow perspective. Another way was to look at our costs, for which the Cacti Times is by far the largest expense. Thanks to the initiative to re-poll members on receiving the Times electronically, we have been able to reduce publication costs noticeably. And thanks to a very capable editor the issues have been outstanding.

Given the later success with the Times, a discussion was begun to develop a two-tiered system for life Memberships. One for electronic and one for mailed copies of the Times.

The rates that were generated by reviewing the income and expenses for the Association led to the rate tables you will find below.

1. New Life Memberships should be split into two groups. One group of members who will receive the Cacti Times publication electronically, and one group for those who would receive the Cacti Times by hard copy through the mails.

2. Based on a review of the past expenditures of the Association, and on current budgets, for the publication of the Times it is recommended that the amount for Life Memberships for those receiving the electronic version be based on \$10 per year for the term of their life expectancy. And the amount for Life Memberships for those receiving the hard copy, mailed version be based on \$20 per year for the term of their life expectancy.

3. Life Membership Tables would look like these:

Life Membership with electronic Times

Age	Life Exp	AMT PD	Annual cont
20-24	54	\$540.00	\$10.00
25-29	50	\$500.00	\$10.00
30-34	45	\$450.00	\$10.00
35-39	40	\$400.00	\$10.00
40-44	36	\$360.00	\$10.00
45-49	31	\$310.00	\$10.00
50-54	27	\$270.00	\$10.00
55-59	23	\$230.00	\$10.00
60-64	19	\$190.00	\$10.00
65-69	15	\$150.00	\$10.00
70-74	12	\$120.00	\$10.00

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 Life Membership with a mailed hard copy of the Times

Age	Life Exp	AMT PD	Annual cont
20-24	54	\$1,080.00	\$20.00
25-29	50	\$1,000.00	\$20.00
30-34	45	\$900.00	\$20.00
35-39	40	\$800.00	\$20.00
40-44	36	\$720.00	\$20.00
45-49	31	\$620.00	\$20.00
50-54	27	\$540.00	\$20.00
55-59	23	\$460.00	\$20.00
60-64	19	\$380.00	\$20.00
65-69	15	\$300.00	\$20.00
70-74	12	\$240.00	\$20.00
75+	10	\$200.00	\$20.00

4. All dues shall be reviewed by the Budget Committee at least every five years. Recommendations shall be presented to the BOD for review, with any changes presented at the annual meeting of the association.

5. Following along with this same train of thought, it is the Budget Committee's recommendation that Annual Membership Dues be changed to reflect a savings in selecting the electronic version of the Times. An Annual Membership with mailed hard copy of the Times would remain the same at \$25 per year. However, selecting the option to receive the Times electronically would lower Annual Membership to \$15 per year.

Respectfully Submitted  
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