

Proposed Funding Allocation Model for Regional Groups and Officers

Proposal

To adopt a new formula for the allocation of funds to the Regional Groups and reduce the portion of membership dues income allotted to travel support for Officers.

Background and Rationale

In 2006, the IAMSLIC membership adopted a plan to regularize financial support to the Regional Groups. The plan included a formula that called for 70% of annual dues income to be returned to the Regional Groups, based on the numbers of current members in the annual membership census. Those Regional Groups with more than 50% membership from developing countries were eligible to receive additional stipends, subject to funding availability and approval by the IAMSLIC Executive Board. In subsequent years, PIRG, AFRIAMSLIC and Latin America have each received an additional stipend in the amount of \$500 - \$1000 USD.

The IAMSLIC Bylaws also allow for up to 30% of annual dues income to be allocated to support travel to the annual conference by Officers and the Proceedings Editor. Therefore, should this entire amount be needed in a given year, combined with the 70% allocation to the Regional Groups, 100% of this revenue source would be committed, leaving no funds for other regular operating expenses of the Association. When stipends are also awarded, this results in a deficit situation. The only other sources of revenue are conference profits, which are not guaranteed, and the Guin Fund, which is dedicated for specific purposes such as travel support for members from developing countries. The Association incurs operating expenses for web hosting, bank transfers, and fees for credit card transactions of approximately \$1100 USD each year.

Proposed Allocation Formula and Travel Support Adjustment

In order to balance the base budget, eliminate the need for stipends, and to make it easier for Regional Groups to predict their annual income based on the number of members, it is proposed that a flat allocation of \$28 USD per dues-paying member be adopted. All Regional Groups would receive a set amount of funding per member regardless of how many developed or developing country members happen to be in a particular region. Allocations would still be based on the counts of current members as reported in the annual membership census.

It is additionally proposed that the Bylaws be amended to allow for a maximum of 25% of annual dues income to be allocated in support of conference travel by the Officers and Proceedings Editor. This change would require ratification by the membership and, pending Executive Board approval, will be presented on the next ballot.

As illustrated in the numbers below, the combination of the \$28 USD flat rate and the slightly reduced travel allocations would leave adequate funds in the base budget to cover annual operating expenses. This model uses the membership numbers from the 2014 annual census to illustrate how the proposed new formulas would affect the base allocations to each Regional Group. The three regions that have traditionally received stipends would instead see an increased base allocation based on the number of members in the region.

Regional Group Allocations		Dues income (average of 1-, 2-, or 3-year renewal amounts) Regular \$60 Developing \$23	Historical 70% allocation \$35 Regular \$14 Developing	Proposed allocation \$28 Per Member	Difference in Base
Cyamus					
35	Regular	\$2100	\$1,225	\$980	
4	Retired	\$92	\$56	\$112	
1	Student	\$23	\$14	\$28	
2	Developing	\$46	\$28	\$56	
42	Total	\$2261	\$1,323	\$1,176	\$(147)
PIRG					
15	Regular	\$900	\$525	\$420	
1	Retired	\$23	\$14	\$28	
0	Student	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
28	Developing	\$644	\$392	\$784	
44	Total	\$1557	\$931	\$1,232	\$301
SAIL					
48	Regular	\$2880	\$1,680	\$1,344	
0	Retired	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2	Student	\$46	\$28	\$56	
1	Developing	\$23	\$14	\$28	
51	Total	\$2949	\$1,722	\$1,428	\$(294)
AFRIAMSLIC					
0	Regular	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
0	Retired	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
0	Student	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
30	Developing	\$690	\$420	\$840	
30	Total	\$690	\$420	\$840	\$420
Euraslic					
43	Regular	\$2580	\$1,505	\$1,204	
0	Retired	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
0	Student	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
17	Developing	\$391	\$238	\$476	
60	Total	\$2971	\$1,743	\$1,680	\$(63)
Latin America					
1	Regular	\$60	\$35	\$28	
0	Retired	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
0	Student	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
38	Developing	\$874	\$532	\$1,064	
39	Total	\$934	\$567	\$1,092	\$525
Unaffiliated					
10	Regular	\$600	\$350	\$280	
1	Retired	\$23	\$14	\$28	
0	Student	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
8	Developing	\$184	\$112	\$224	
19	Total	\$807	\$476	\$532	\$56
TOTALS					
285 members		\$12,179	\$7,182	\$7,980	\$798

Summary of Estimated Annual Base Budget

\$12,179	Total income
\$9,120	Regular
\$138	Retired
\$69	Student
\$2,852	Developing
\$7,980	To be allocated
65.5%	of dues would be allocated to Regional Groups
\$4,199	Funds remaining
\$3,044.75	Maximum 25% allocated to officer travel
\$1,154.25	Balance for other operating expenses

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