

Proposed ROP Change pertaining to Section D. Dues, Expenses and Reimbursements

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING
1. District 9 per capita dues shall be \$40.00 effective June 1, 2016, and shall include \$5.00 to Conference funds to defray registration fees for District 9 Conference. In support of the Young Professional Membership category adopted at the Zonta International Convention in 2016, District 9 dues will be reduced by 50% for members who meet the age requirement for this new membership category effective 11/1/17, and will remain in effect as long as this membership category is retained by Zonta International.	1. <u>The annual District general member dues (without fees) are \$35.00 per year. The annual District young professional member dues (without fees) are reduced by one-half.</u> 2. <u>A conference fee of \$10.00 per member is to be paid at the same time member dues are paid. The conference fee will be used to pay for expenses of the conference in accordance with these District Rules of Procedure and the Zonta International Bylaws and Rules of Procedure.</u>

Proposed by: The District 9 Finance Committee.

Rational: The cost of putting on the District 9 Conference is increasing each year, including the cost of travel and lodging for the District 9 board of directors. The increase in Conference fees paid by each member will help to defray the cost of having the District 9 board of directors attend conference to conduct District and Zonta International business. We are asking that the conference fees increase be approved because we believe that the entire membership of District 9 should assist financially in putting on the District 9 Conference where the business of the membership is conducted. The burden of the cost should not be passed on to those members attending the Conference since the business that is conducted affects all members of the District.

In the past, only the general membership was charged the \$5.00 conference fee. The rate was reduced by 50% for young professional members. We believe that the original intent was to reduce the membership fee by 50% for young professionals, but not the conference fee portion. The conference fee portion should be the same for all members of District 9.

The District 9 board recommends supporting this proposal.