



Understanding the JWV Dues Structure

What is the Dues Structure?

The Dues Structure is the formula for calculating annual membership dues. That formula is:

National's Portion
+ Department's Portion (if applicable)
+ Council's Portion (if applicable)
+ Post's Portion

Total amount an individual member pays

Example: Post 2001, Regular Member invests in ONE year of membership:

\$35.00 = National
+ \$ 7.00 = Department of Space
+ \$ 3.00 = Mars Council
+ \$10.00 = Post 2001

\$55.00 for Member Year 2017 in Post 2001

Members have the option of investing in one, two or three years of membership in a single transaction, therefore the **Dues Structure must be determined for each type of investment** (one year, two years or three years).

How is the Dues Structure determined?

[Article II of The National ByLaws](#) details how dues are determined. In summary, for one year of membership:

- The portion given to National HQ is approved by the National Executive Committee (NEC). The most recent amount approved by NEC is \$35/member;
- Departments may receive up to \$7.25/member and Councils up to \$3.25/member;
- Posts have no limits on their portion.

Who decides the Dues Structure?

The membership of JWV decides the structure through amending the *National Constitution*, as well as voting at each echelon level. **No echelon can determine another echelon's portion – only its own.** For example, the Department of Southwest can set its portion at \$5.00, but it cannot tell Post 210 to set its portion at \$4.00 – Post 210 must decide for itself.

Why alter the Dues Structure?

Membership dues fund the cost of operations. As an echelon's operation costs change, the dues amounts may need to change. Other considerations include affordability for members, grants/donations given to an echelon, programming needs, and cost of living in the local area.

When can the Dues Structure be altered?

The Membership Department sends a letter to each echelon in May, requesting all changes for the next member year (see page 2). The changes must be submitted by June. The Dues Structure is then set and final for the next member year. **Note that the deadline for submitting 2017 Dues Structures is close of business Thursday, June 16, 2016. This is firm, no exceptions.**