Capital District, Kiwanis International
Online Board of Trustees Meeting
March 6, 2021 - Agenda Point
Bylaws Amendment - New Member District Dues

Background

Currently, Capital District Kiwanis receives $32 per member on a club's roster as of September 30th of each calendar year. Therefore, any member who joins Kiwanis after September 30th does not pay District dues until the next Kiwanis administrative year.

So far in Capital, in the 2020-2021 Administrative Year, there have been 218 new members and last year (2019-2020) there were 311 new members added. ***A District New Member Add Fee of $25 would have yielded $13,225 in district revenue for just the past 18 months.***

All but two (Rocky Mountain and Capital) North American Kiwanis Districts currently charge a New Member Add Fee (similar to Kiwanis International's $50 New Member Add Fee) in lieu of dues for that first partial year of membership.

With declining membership, our District has made the decision to use our reserves as a way to continue offering the level of services we feel clubs deserve. As such, we have been intentionally operating with a deficit budget and while district revenue from new members would not fully address that deficit, it would impact it positively.

As a result of KI Board action on October 4, 2019, KI Policy Sect. 342.2 will change on October 1, 2021 from charging a $50 New Member fee to charging prorated dues, magazine and insurance to all new members of clubs (existing or newly chartered) based on this schedule:

First month of membership	Percent of Tiered Dues Amount
October, November, December	100%
January	90%
February	80%
March	70%
April	60%
May	50%
June	40%
July	30%
August	20%
September	10%

SLP Waiver - Under 342.2, prorated KI dues are waived for former Key Club or Circle K club members. This is in addition to Article XXII Section 3 of the KI Bylaws which state that "A club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay International dues for any club member for a period of two (2) years from the date of joining that club, provided such member was a former member of a Kiwanis International sponsored program. The financial obligations to said member's local club and district, the subscription for official publications, and the premium payable to defray the cost of insurance prescribed in these bylaws shall remain payable."

In essence, between the Kiwanis International Bylaws and updated KI Policies, a new member of a Kiwanis club who was former SLP who joins a club (new or existing) in May 2021, would be exempt from the 50% dues/magazine/insurance proration and then would be exempt from KI dues from October 2021 - September 2023 (but would still have to pay for insurance and magazine).

Proposal

> **The proposed Board Action would be to amend our District Bylaws to include this new Section 3 (renumbering other sections accordingly). This is based on pending new wording in the Standard Form for District Bylaws, per K.I.**
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> **Article X, Section 3.** Prorated district dues shall be charged for each new member of a club on the same prorated schedule used by Kiwanis International. Prorated dues are waived for any new member who was a former member of a Kiwanis International service leadership program.

This would need approval by the District Board to be submitted to the House of Delegates at our August 2021 District Convention for adoption. If passed, it would go into effect on October 1st, 2021. The District Board would then need to adopt revised policy statements that use the same proration schedule as Kiwanis International (listed above).

The House of Delegates (by way of Article X, Section 1), already has purview over the amount of District Dues we charge ($32.00 per annum) and this amendment does not change that in any way.

Operational Impact
If approved, the dues amount for a new member of a Capital District Kiwanis club would be:

First Month	KI Dues	Capital Dues	Insurance	Magazine	Total
Oct/Nov/Dec	$52.00	$32.00	$17.00	$8.00	$109.00
January	$46.80	$28.80	$15.30	$7.20	$98.10
February	$41.60	$25.60	$13.60	$6.40	$87.20
March	$36.40	$22.40	$11.90	$5.60	$76.30
April	$31.20	$19.20	$10.20	$4.80	$65.40
May	$26.00	$16.00	$8.50	$4.00	$54.50
June	$20.80	$12.80	$6.80	$3.20	$43.60
July	$15.60	$9.60	$5.10	$2.40	$32.70
August	$10.40	$6.40	$3.40	$1.60	$21.80
September	$5.20	$3.20	$1.70	$0.80	$10.90

For a former SLP member, there would be NO payment due in their first partial year of membership and then for the next two years, their club would only be charged $25 per year for insurance and the magazine for that member.

It is expected that most Kiwanis clubs will adopt some form of prorated club dues for new members internally to balance how they will be charged by Kiwanis International (and Capital District should this be approved).

Financial Impact
As explained in the Background section of this document, an average of $8,816 of additional dues revenue would be collected per year to help offset the expenses we incur in the operation of our District, therefore somewhat reducing our reliance on our reserve account. **Most importantly, this is entirely without financial impact to our existing membership.**

Respectfully submitted,

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