

**Annual ALA Membership Dues FY22 Adjustment Tied to CPI**

**TO:** Executive Board, BARC and Finance & Audit

**RE:** Membership Dues Adjustment

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:**

That the Executive Board, BARC, and Finance & Audit approve applying the calendar year 2020 change in the national average Consumer Price Index (CPI) to adjust personal member dues in the FY2022 budget.

**ACTION REQUESTED BY:**

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**DRAFT OF MOTION:**

None

**DATE:** March 12,2021

**BACKGROUND:**

In the 2018 election, ALA members voted (7,420 (72.2%) to 2,862 (27.8%)) to establish a five-year personal dues adjustment mechanism not to exceed the percentage change in the national average Consumer Price Index (CPI) beginning with FY19 dues and running through FY23. Annually, personal member dues will be reviewed by the ALA Executive Board, which may approve a dues adjustment not to exceed the percentage change in the national average CPI for the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest dollar. Any increase beyond the above provision proposed by the Executive Board will require approval by a vote of Council and a vote of ALA personal members.

The ALA Executive Board did not approve the annual dues increase for FY21.

Attached is a chart outlining the proposed dues increases for each category of membership.

The FY22 budget for ALA membership dues was developed with a 1.4% CPI\* adjustment and the following proposed structure:

Member Type	Current Dues	FY22 Proposed Dues
1st year	\$74	\$75
2nd year	112	114
3rd year+	148	150
Student	39	40
Earning <\$30,000	53	54
Support Staff	53	54
Retired	53	54
Associate	67	68
Trustee	67	68
Friend	67	68
International	89	90

\* <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2021/consumer-price-index-2020-in-review.htm>