

Two Motions to Increase CFUW Dues

Please note that there are two separate motions in this document which will be voted on separately at the 2019 AGM in Winnipeg: one motion is to increase CFUW dues; the second motion is to increase dues to pay for GWI membership and activities.

1. MOTION TO APPROVE NATIONAL DUES INCREASE FOR CFUW

Moved: that the CFUW voting body approve a national dues increase for CFUW of \$6.00.

Moved by Dominique Racanelli, on behalf of the CFUW Finance Committee

Rationale:

While CFUW operating costs keep pace with inflation, CFUW dues have not. The last dues increase took effect in 2013. The Bank of Canada reports year over year inflation of 1.69% meaning that it now takes \$76.10 to purchase the same amount that cost \$70 in 2013, an increase of \$6.10. (<https://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/related/inflation-calculator/>). In view of these rising costs, the Finance Committee recommends an increase of \$6.00 to the current dues of \$70. This amount is less than inflation but is seen as a reasonable effort to meet CFUW financial obligations and continue to offer the programs and services CFUW members have come to expect.

Process

- 1.) The Finance Committee reviews the CFUW budget and projects future needs in consultation with the Board and Executive Director. After careful consideration, it determines if changes in CFUW dues are warranted and forwards proposals to the Board of Directors for authorization to forward to the members for consideration.
- 2.) After the Board of Directors authorizes distribution of the motion, the proposals for changes to CFUW dues are forwarded to the membership as required in the CFUW Articles and Bylaws.
- 3.) Members have the opportunity to review proposed changes, make amendments and vote on them at an AGM. In order to be approved, the motion must be passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast on that motion.
- 4) If adopted, the new dues rate is payable May 1, 2020. Clubs currently get their dues payments to National Office in April so the dues paid by Clubs April 2020 will be at the new rate.

The proposed increase of \$6.00 for CFUW is an increase of 8.6 % (over \$70) to cover the increased cost of CFUW doing business due to inflation.

If this motion is adopted, the new rates dues is payable May 1, 2020. **Clubs currently send their dues payments to National Office in April so the dues paid by Clubs May 2020 will be at the new rate. Clubs should consider including in their budgets for 2019-2020 provision for increasing their dues payable in that year by the amount of the dues increase to be voted on at the 2019 CFUW AGM.**

2. MOTION TO INCREASE DUES AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO GWI FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES AND SUPPORT EXPENSES

Moved: that the CFUW voting body approve an increase in the amount to be paid to GWI for membership fees and support expenses of \$10.00.

Moved by Dominique Racanelli, on behalf of the CFUW Finance Committee

GWI Dues Increase

The 2017 rate for GWI dues was 15.5 Swiss francs per capita or approximately \$20.71 Canadian. The dues increase approved by electronic vote of the GWI General Assembly in October 2017 is 6 Swiss Francs or approximately \$8.40 (Canadian preferred rate). This brings the rate of GWI dues to 21.5 Swiss francs or approximately \$30.10 CDN per capita.

In December, 2018, in an effort to improve relations, CFUW began discussions with GWI about a number of issues including the membership dues. GWI has graciously accepted some of the work undertaken by CFUW as services in kind and accordingly has reduced the amount of dues owed for the increase of six Swiss francs for both 2018 and 2019. This has allowed CFUW to reduce the amount of dues that it must seek from the membership.

The proposed dues increase for GWI is \$10.00.

If this motion is adopted, the new dues rate is payable May 1, 2020.

General Comments

It should be noted that the two dues motions will be voted on separately. Should both motions pass, the proposed total increase to membership fees effective in 2020-2021 will be \$16, bringing CFUW dues to \$86, from the current \$70.

Recent History of CFUW Dues Increases since 2012/2013

Year	CFUW Dues amount	Dues increase from previous year	GWI Portion of CFUW Dues	GWI portion including Support Expenses **	Total GWI dues and support in the year	CFUW Portion of CFUW Dues	Total Left for operating CFUW and providing club support
2012/2013	\$60	\$0	\$16.65*	\$17.81	\$156,479	\$42.19	\$370,681
2013/2014	\$70	\$10	\$17.77*	\$19.92	\$177,332	\$50.08	\$430,738
2014/2015	\$70	\$0	\$18.67*	\$19.90	\$170,046	\$50.10	\$428,105
2015/2016	\$70	\$0	\$20.40*	\$24.94	\$211,067	\$45.06	\$381,343
2016/2017	\$70	\$0	\$20.82*	\$26.31	\$221,030	\$43.69	\$367,040
2017/2018	\$70	\$0	\$20.28*	\$21.72	\$175,802	\$48.28	\$390,778
2018/2019	\$70	\$0	\$26.04*	\$28.56	\$223,339	\$41.44	\$324,061
2019/2020	\$70	\$0	\$26.04*	\$28.56	\$223,339***	\$41.44	\$324,061***
2020/2021	\$86	\$16	\$30.10*	\$32.62	\$255,088****	\$53.38	\$417,432****

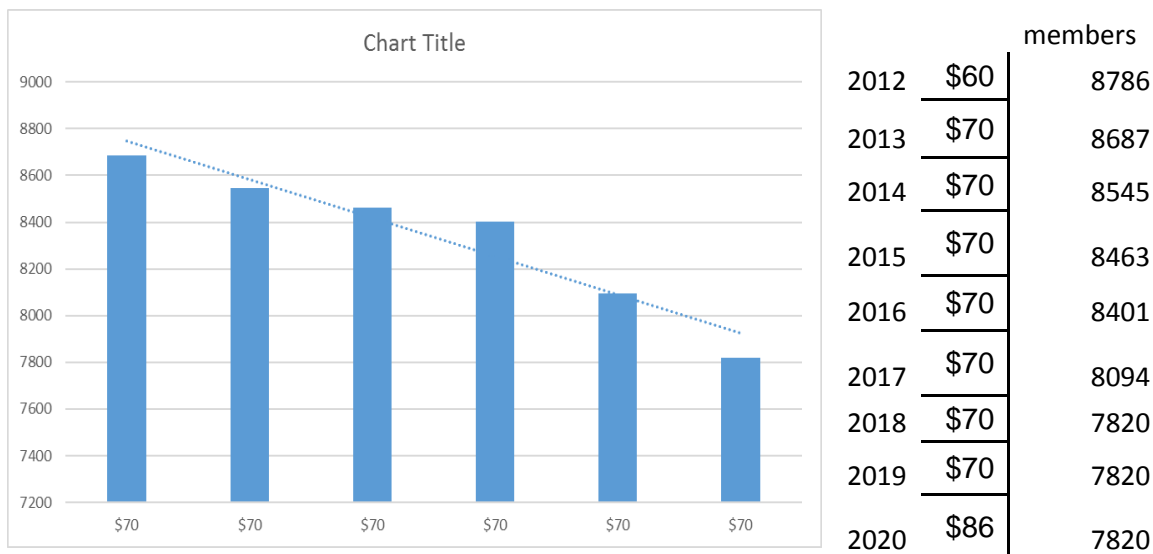
*amount varies depending on exchange rate

** GWI Support Expenses refer to additional expenses over and above the GWI dues amount which include expenses of the CFUW President and VP International at GWI Triennial conferences and support for CFUW members serving on the GWI Board and as GWI Committee Chairs awarded every three years.

*** budgeted assuming same number of members as 2018/2019

**** forecasted using the same number of members as 2018/2019

CFUW Membership Trends



It should be noted that while the projections for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 are based on the same number of members, the chart above shows a steady decline in the number of members. As we are embarking on a membership drive this year, we have used the same number of 7,820 members for projection purposes but members should be aware that there may be another drop in the coming two years. Should this become a reality, CFUW's ability to meet its obligations and operate may be detrimentally affected.