



The National Association of Perinatal Social Workers

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Dear Members,

Over the last few years it has become increasingly evident that rising costs have not only hit us personally, but professionally as well in the workings of the organization. The Board of Directors and Executive Committee work diligently to keep NAPSWS fiscally responsible and I believe this responsibility is reflected in the decisions we make. Over the past several years we have had to make difficult decisions about areas where it is feasible to cut costs and areas where we feel expenditures are warranted, such as bringing you the FORUM and offering annual conferences.

As part of our commitment to fulfill the goals of the organization's strategic plan the Board of Directors voted to increase the annual dues for all membership levels by \$20.00 beginning July 1, 2015. This decision was made with much discussion and analysis. It is the first increase in membership dues in ten years and allows us to remain competitive with comparable organizations. In addition we are working on developing initiatives to help generate revenue as well as help members with financial costs (i.e. grant support to help with conference funding, CEU opportunities with discounts for members and scholarships). We believe that even with the increase the dues are reasonable and provide an excellent way to maintain membership benefits such as FORUM, LISTSERV, Perinatal Partners Program, Podcasts and Standards, just to name a few.

Beginning July 1st the new membership rates are as follows:

Regular member	\$95.00
Associate member	\$70.00
Student member	\$45.00
Retired member	\$55.00

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the dues increase. Thank you for all that you do for our organization and for the families we serve.

Kind regards,

Lisa Baker, Ph.D., L.C.S.W.

Outgoing President (2013-2015)