

## **12-N C&B proposal to be voted on at Spring Convention 2010**

There is a proposal to raise the 12-N Annual District Dues from \$12 annually to \$16 beginning in lion's year 2010-2011.

These additional Funds (Approximately \$5,000 annually) would be designated to help offset VDGs, DGE, and DG official travel expenses that are not currently reimbursed.

The amount of these funds to be budgeted for each of the District leaders use would be voted on, and become part of the 12N Administrative budget at the District Organizational meeting each year.

The priority for dividing up these funds should be as follows:

1. Pay the cost of an economy airline ticket minus \$500 for the DGE's spouse to attend their installation LCI Convention when it is outside North America.
2. To help pay for any other official non-reimbursed travel expenses of the current DG.
3. To provide some travel expense funds for 1VDG to attend USA/Canada Leadership Forum and for both VDGs to attend other venues deemed necessary by the 12N Cabinet.

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

1. The last time district dues were raised was in 1995-96 from \$8 to \$12. The Consumer price index has gone up over 50% during the past 15 years.
2. DGE's spouse only receives \$500 travel expense reimbursement to attend DGE own installation LCI Convention. When the LCI Convention is overseas this places an additional burden on the DGE's personal finances.
3. 12N has for some time 'squeezed out' some funding for other VDG, DGE official travel expenses from the current administrative funds, but this has hampered the ability of the district to fund some other needed membership, orientation, extension, retention, and leadership activities.

Respectfully submitted

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