

1 **Resolution Number:** 200 – 2020

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3 **Title:** ASDA Membership Dues Increase

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Membership and Education

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7 **Sponsor(s):** 2019-20 Executive Committee

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9 **Financial Impact:** Yes

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11 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board believes it is important to ensure the Association has the
12 financial means to continue to support its mission. Historically, the Association has raised dues \$3.00-
13 \$5.00 every three years in line with inflation. The \$3.00 increase aligns with past dues increases and the
14 CPI increase aligns with the Association's strategic plan for financial organizational sustainability.
15 Therefore, the Board recommends a yes vote.

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17 **Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee recommends a yes vote.

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19 **Background:** Per HOD 103-2004, ASDA national dues are considered on an annual basis by the Board of
20 Trustees. The last dues increase was approved in 2017 and implemented in 2019. The organization will
21 operate from 2019 until 2021 with no dues increase.

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23 From the Bylaws Article III Membership, Section 4. Membership Dues:

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25 Membership dues are determined by the House of Delegates. Membership runs on a
26 calendar year from January 1 through December 31. Dues received after September 1
27 are applied to the following year's membership. If dues are not processed by December
28 31, membership is forfeited until dues are paid.

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30 A financial status review revealed that ASDA must recommend a dues increase to continue to support
31 member services that include: advocacy efforts; expanded licensure initiatives to eliminate the live
32 patient exam; strategic plan initiatives to expand membership recruitment and retention and member
33 benefits; the development of new non-dues revenue sources; and the increase in the cost of operations
34 due to inflation. A five year financial projection suggests a potential operating deficit that escalates in
35 2021. The dues trend has been to increase dues on a three year basis to cover the increase of
36 operational costs. We recommend a dues increase to fund current initiatives and offset the potential
37 deficit; therefore, be it

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RESOLUTION

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41 **Resolved,** that ASDA national dues for active predoctoral membership increase \$3 from current
42 established dues effective for the 2022 membership year and be it further

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44 **Resolved,** that ASDA national dues for active predoctoral membership increase at the average of the
45 Consumer Price Index (CPI) rounded to the nearest dollar (estimate of \$2 per year) for the 2023
46 membership year and on an annual basis until further notice.

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48 **Action:** The Chair moves 200-2020 with a recommendation of a yes vote.