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Membership Fees Proposal

Proposal: Update the membership fee structure per Table 1 below.

Rationale: The WSGC membership fee supports the Space Grant efforts in promoting the SG program at the state and national level. Federal funds cannot be used to promote/communicate with our representatives in D.C., and so SG Consortia have adopted the model of collecting membership fees that go to supporting our membership in the SG Alliance, a non-profit group that maintains awareness of our programs and successes on Capitol Hill.

In 2017, the two advocacy firms that represent the National Space Grant Alliance raised the fees that are levied on the Alliance. This is the first price increase since the partnership with the Alliance was established a decade ago. To this point, the WSGC has not yet passed these increases onto member institutions, but reductions in the response rate to our billing and a new charge levied by the National Space Grant Foundation for processing our billing, have resulted in insufficient funds to make our payment to the Alliance.

We would like to ensure that we maintain our membership in the SG Alliance. In order to sustain the membership, we will need to adjust our fee structure. Below is a draft proposal for the change in institutional fees with comparison to our existing model. Changes in **RED**. The proposed changes will allow us to meet our obligations (~\$6500/year).

Fee Structure Changes

Academic Institution Size	Current Annual Fee	Proposed Annual Fee
Enrollment < 5000	\$100	\$250
5,000 < Enrollment < 15,000	\$250	\$250
Enrollment > 15,000	\$500	\$500

Industry Membership Contract Revenue	Current Annual Fee	Proposed Annual Fee
R < \$100,000	\$0	\$0
\$100,000 < R < \$1M	\$100	\$100
\$1M < R < \$5M	\$200	\$500
R > \$5M	\$500	\$500

Government Agencies (State and federal agencies are typically prohibited from providing membership fees to support the activities provided by SG Alliance): \$0 (No Change)

Non-profits: \$100 (No Change)

Action: Vote to either adopt or reject the *proposed annual fee structure*. *Tear off, fold and return.*

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