



North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

**The Professional Association for North Carolina Cooperative Extension
Family & Consumer Sciences Educators**

2011 PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active Member

Any North Carolina Cooperative Extension employee holding a professional appointment who has a minimum of a bachelor's degree and who works in any capacity with Family and Consumer Sciences programming in counties, area, and/or state is eligible for membership and may become an active member of the Association on payment of **Insert: STATE AND NATIONAL** annual dues.

Rational:

There are only 3 types of membership available: Active Member, National Life Member and State Life Member. Membership entitles members to serve in both state and national leadership positions. In addition they may be appointed to serve as a national voting delegates. When serving as a state officer communication will come from the National Association. Payment of state and national dues allows our state to be eligible for various awards on the National level (i.e. DSA). If an individual chooses to pay for state association dues only, National benefits and interaction could be drastically reduced. In the past "state only" membership has been awarded under certain circumstances. This was not intended to be a standard practice. Opening up our membership to allow state only membership will weaken our connection to the national association, especially if a large number of members choose this option.

ARTICLE III - DUES

Section 1. Dues for annual membership in the Association shall be established by a quorum of the members voting at the Annual Session of the Association. Proposed changes in the dues shall be made known to the membership 30 days prior to the Annual Session at which time a vote is to be taken. **Insert: Membership dues for the State Association shall consist of State and National dues, there are no State only dues for Active members.**

Rational: Our Bylaws do not clearly state that membership into the Association is by payment of both state and national dues.

Add: Section 7. National Life Membership dues for retired agents, who have been a member of the association for at least 5 years, can be found under the Member Resource section of the National Association's web site.

Rational: National Life Membership is not referenced under the dues section and this just gives clarity and direction for those who seek information about being a National Life member.

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