

Membership Fee Increase

RTAM Board of Directors

Dear Valued Members,

We hope this message finds you well. Today, we reach out to you as a community, with sincere appreciation for your continued support and engagement in our organization. Throughout the years, your commitment has played a vital role in our ability to serve and grow together, and it is in this spirit of transparency that we want to discuss an important matter.

As you may have noticed, the economic landscape has changed significantly over the past several years. Inflation has affected many aspects of our daily lives, including the services and resources we provide to you. We want to assure you that we are always striving to maintain quality and accessibility within our offerings, while attempting to keep our membership fees as affordable as possible.

To provide some context, we made our first membership fee adjustment in 2013, increasing it from \$2.00 to \$2.25 per month. In 2015, the fee was raised again to \$2.50, followed by another increase in 2017 when it reached \$3.00. Since that last adjustment, we have not raised our fees, despite the rising costs associated with inflation, the expansion of services, and our commitment to maintaining the quality you have come to expect from us.

However, after careful consideration and extensive evaluation of our finances, we have determined that an adjustment to our membership fees is now necessary. This is not a decision we take lightly, as we fully understand the impact that increases can have on our members. We are committed to remaining competitive and solvent, ensuring that we can continue to deliver the programs and benefits you value most.

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Therefore, we will be increasing our membership fee from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per month, effective July 1st, 2025 (the start of a new fiscal year and budget). This increase will help us to keep up with rising operational costs, invest in our ongoing expansion efforts, and enhance the overall experience for all our members.

We are truly grateful for your understanding and support in this matter. Together, we can navigate these challenges and continue to build a strong, vibrant community that serves you well. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this increase, please do not hesitate to reach out. Our team is here to listen and assist you in any way we can.

Thank you once again for being a vital part of our community. We look forward to continuing this journey together.

Warm regards,

The Board of Directors

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