AAAL Current and Proposed Expenses and Proposed Membership Fee Increase
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Background:

At the spring 2013 AGM, membership requested a review of membership fees. New fees and expenditures should be aligned with AAAL goals. To reflect the proposed changes to Vision, Mission and Goals, expenses that support collaboration, networking, and professional development opportunities may be considered. At the fall 2013 AAAL meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer reported on proposed membership fee increases. This information was also posted at the website aaal.ca.

According to AAAL Bylaws, an increase to fees can only be voted in at an AGM.

Increase in Membership Fees:

Increase the AAAL membership fee from $40 per member library to $100 per member library.

Proposed changes in Expenses:
- Sponsorship of conferences and gifts to AAAL workshop presenters will be eliminated
- Membership fees will be spent on AAAL meetings and professional development opportunities for AAAL members

This increase in fees will allow the AAAL executive to:
- Eliminate solicitation of coffee break sponsorship from member institutions
- Streamline lunch payment process

Benefits to AAAL members:
- One membership payment covers coffee breaks, lunches and fees so there is no need to claim per diem/lunch receipts
- Coffee break sponsorship is evenly distributed among member libraries
- New Professional Development award will be open to all library staff at any AAAL member library to help cover travel costs
- Continued networking and collaboration opportunities for all members at AAAL meetings

Potential concerns:
- Unpredictable catering costs or varied costs across different institutions
  - AAAL executive will establish catering guidelines
- Fluctuating attendance at AAAL meetings
  - RSVP will still be required and only actual expenses will be paid to hosting institution
- Uneven distribution/representation in attendees by institution at AAAL meetings
  - The institutional membership is still reasonably priced for all member libraries
  - The benefits of streamlining outweigh the need for tiered membership structure

Additional:
- Membership fees will be reviewed by AAAL membership every two years

CURRENT:

Current Revenue		$1360
Membership fees	$1360 (membership fees: 34 @ $40)	

Membership is unlikely to grow; Membership Coordinator is reaching out to more postsecondary libraries.

Current Expenses		$949

Sponsorship
Alberta Library Conference sponsorship $250 (requested in 2014)
Other sponsorships paid in the past included CLA, WILU, Netspeed and LOEX conferences. How does this sponsorship reflect our goals?

Honorariums
Workshop Speaker Gifts ($25/AAAL speaker) $300
Varies depending on number of sessions. Membership agreed that workshops are essential to AAAL activities.

Tom Skinner (AAAL Statistics) $200
Tom Skinner has agreed to continue providing statistics support to AAAL.

Fees
Bank account fees $60
PayPal fees $25
Assuming 50% of membership chooses to pay online at $1.46/transaction)
Website fees (wordpress.com domain mapping) $14

Miscellaneous expenses (varies) $100
Bank surcharges, fees with corporate registry, guest speakers/lunches/gifts, subsidies for catering.

PROPOSED:

Proposed Revenue		$3400
Membership fees	$3400 (membership fees: 34 @ $100)	

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Proposed Expenses		$3399

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AAAL meetings – lunch & refreshments $2500
Support collaboration and networking opportunities

Professional Development $500 (1 or 2 awards)
Provide travel sponsorship/award for library staff to attend a conference