

Table 1. Membership Dues 1989-2007 (All SSSP members receive free membership in three Special Problems Divisions.)

Membership Categories	1989-1997	1998-1999	2000-2007	Proposed 2008
Life members, Emeriti, before 1989	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
'New' Emeriti, beginning in 1989	\$15	\$15	\$35	\$55
Unemployed	\$15	\$15	\$20	\$40
Students (provide photocopy of current student ID)	\$15	\$15	\$20	\$40
First year employment after Ph.D. (one year only)		\$25	\$35	\$55
First time professional member		\$25	\$35	\$55
\$24,999 and under	\$40	\$40	\$50	\$70
\$25,000 - \$34,999	\$55	\$55	\$65	\$85
\$35,000 - \$44,999	\$65	\$65	\$75	\$95
\$45,000 - \$54,999	\$75	\$75	\$90	\$110
\$55,000 & up (1989-1999) \$55,000 - \$64,999 (2000-present)	\$85	\$85	\$105	\$125
\$65,000 - \$74,999			\$120	\$140
\$75,000 and over			\$135	\$155
Sustaining membership			\$1,200	\$1,200
Departmental membership	\$50	\$50	\$60	\$80

The BFA Committee recommends a \$20 across the board increase in membership dues (shown in last column of Table 1). This will maintain the progressive nature of our dues structure, with those who can afford to pay more doing so. However, it will increase those dues categories that have not been increased much in almost 20 years to levels that are more comparable to other organizations. For example, student members of the American Society of Criminology pay \$50 for an annual membership that includes two journals and the newsletter, but divisional memberships are extra. American Sociological Association student members pay \$18 for the annual membership but must select and pay for at least one journal (\$25-\$40), and they must pay for section memberships. The highest dues category (those earning \$75,000 and over) will pay \$155, while the highest dues category for ASA (those earning \$70,000) pays \$171 plus the requirement of subscribing to at least one journal (\$35-50), with section memberships being extra.