

22 September 2022

Dear ASALH Members,

On August 18, the ASALH Executive Council, the National Membership Committee, Audit and Finance Committee, the Planning Committee, and the Vice President for Membership agreed to raise ASALH’s membership dues for 2023.

ASALH’s last dues increase occurred in 2014. The rising inflation rates since 2014 has affected ASALH financially, just as it has other nonprofits and businesses. This has necessitated this critical decision to raise membership dues. The new rates will be effective January 1, 2023. National dues should be collected or paid at the new rates beginning Oct. 1, 2022, for 2023.

### **Membership Dues Increase by Category**

Category	Current Rate	20.4 % Change	Adjusted Rate
General	80	16.32	95
Senior	55	11.22	65
Student	45	9.18	55
Dual	100	20.4	120
International	100	20.4	120
Interim Life	300	61.2	360
Life	1500	306	1800
Associate	65	13.26	75
Corporate	1500	306	1,800
Institutional	250	51	300

The Audit and Finance Committee recommended the increase in member dues by considering the impact of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual percent of change from 2014 through the mid-point of 2022. For these years the cumulative CPI average percent

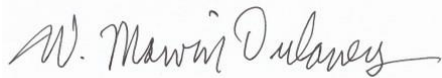
change is 20.4 percent. This percent change was applied to each membership category. The amounts derived were rounded to end in a zero or a five to reduce the likelihood of error when rates are entered or applied.

If you are currently making interim life payments, there is no change to the current amount you are making. However, anyone who may want to become a new life member through the interim payment schedule would pay the 2023 rate. We are excited to offer the opportunity to become new life members to anyone who pays the full \$1,500.00 or \$300 interim payment by the end of the year, December 31, 2022.

I want to assure you that the Executive Council considered all possible options before making the decision to raise the membership dues. The members of the Executive Council and I are very aware of the current economic climate, and we do not want to place an undue burden on ASALH's members. In fact, currently we are studying and reviewing ways to adjust the dues for students in order to attract more of them as members of ASALH. We will share that information with the membership when we have fully developed it.

Thank you for joining me in the critical mission that Dr. Woodson has left us to promote the study, research and publication of African American life and history

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Marvin Dulaney". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

W. Marvin Dulaney  
President