

The RTCA STF met today for about an hour and a half. The bylaws standardization template was discussed and the RTs were encouraged to start modifying their bylaws to conform with the template or ensure that its current form is in line with the template.

The standardized dues structure conversation was very active. It involved two parts. One for regular members and one for student members. My initial document was incorrect about a single standard rate being discussed. A rate can be discussed for each of the the types of membership being considered — although some are being combined under a single category.

There were a few polls about both the Regular Member dues and the Student Member dues. Nothing concrete is being decided yet. These polls and discussion were designed to get the group sharing with each other.

A standard Regular Member dues of \$15 had a slight advantage over a \$20 fee and a larger number of votes than the \$10 rate. Since I did not have a chance to meet with the RT before this meeting I voted for our current rate of \$10. Another 5 RTs also voted for the \$10 rate but these were multiple choice votes (The rates being considered were \$10, \$15, and \$20).

The Student Member dues were \$0, \$5, \$10, \$15, and \$20. Again I voted for \$10, as it is the current rate. The conversation quickly turned to recommending free membership for Student Member RT dues, but a concern was raised about potential impacts on RTs that currently have other types of free members. Offering students a chance to get involved with few barriers is the main argument for free student RT dues.

There is concern that lowering the dues for some RTs will impact their ability to offer their current programs and services. Additionally, it was suggested that moving the recommendation to \$17.50 or \$18.00 might be a good compromise for those RTs.