

Renewal of Annual EGA Dues What Chapter Membership Chairs Should Know

Starting on January 1st, 2024 stitchers everywhere can find and join your chapter directly from the EGA website's chapter map.

We need your help to verify that the information for your chapter, especially the dues being collected are correct. This will ensure that your chapter and region are properly compensated for every member that joins your chapter. If any of the information is not correct, please reply to this email with the correct information.

Please visit the **Chapter Map** <u>https://egausa.org/chapter-map/</u>, enter the name of your chapter to see it on the map and first, verify that all the information there is correct. Then, click the **Join this Chapter** link under the chapter address which will take you to the page where people will pay the fee to join your chapter. Please verify that the amount being charged to join your chapter is correct. The total amount should be your **chapter fee** plus the **national fee** (\$55) and the **region fee** (See list below for your region fee).

CAR \$4, GLR \$3, GPR \$5, HRT \$2, MAR \$2, MET \$4, NER \$3, PSR \$5, RMR \$5, SCR \$5, SUN \$0, TVR \$3

Below is other information that will help you answer your members questions:

- Kick off for the annual renewal of current EGA members will be **April 1, 2024**. **Please** remind members that they should not try to renew their membership prior to April 1, 2024 as it may not be processed correctly.
- Members should go online to renew their membership. Payment of dues can be made by credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay or Paypal.
- The only checks that chapters should receive for dues payments will be from life members and plural members. Life and plural members will pay their chapter and any applicable region dues to their chapter. Chapters will be responsible to pass on region dues payments for these to the region.
- There is no longer any prorating on these dues. The end of the month in which they join will be their renewal date. The one exception will be current members renewing in April will still hold 5/31 as their renewal date.
- Chapters will receive notification of new members within about a week. The exact timing of reports and payments is still a work in progress. Since this is a new process, our staff at headquarters is still working on how best to get necessary information and payments to you in a timely manner. You will receive more detail on this before April 1.
- As Chapter Membership Chair it is your responsibility to report new members and renewing members to your region.

- Membership chairs should print out several of the forms for renewal and payment by mail for any members without internet/computer access. Members should be told that this is not the preferred way to renew, but we do understand that not all have computer access. This form can be found in Document Downloads as *Membership Renewal Form For Mail-In Renewals Only*.
- Membership chairs can keep track of those not renewing from 2023 by checking off renewals on their 2023 membership list.
- Although headquarters will be contacting all members about renewal it would be helpful if the membership chair would also reach out to members to be sure that they renew starting on April 1 and don't have any problems with the renewal process.
- Direct members to the <u>Join Us</u> page of <u>egausa.org</u> to read more about electronic payment dues and view the FAQs for dues renewal <u>here</u>.

For assistance and answers to questions email egahq@egausa.org or call 502-589-6956.

Sent to EGA Chapter Membership by email on February 1, 2024 *Updated to include Paypal as a payment option. *During the usual renewal months of April, May and June, chapters and regions will receive a monthly list from EGA Headquarters of the chapter memberships that have been received. Click here to learn more.