

Council dues recommendation as enacted on June 14, 2010:

The SAF Council recommends a 15 percent dues increase for all membership categories to be implemented in 2012. After 2012, dues will increase every fifth year by 15 percent unless the Council specifically acts to postpone any dues increase. The Council will discuss its plans for a dues increase with the House of Society delegates at its meeting in Albuquerque, NM as required by the SAF Bylaws.

In addition to this action, the Council is changing the Society's loyalty discount program. Starting in 2011, student members will be charged at the student rate until they are employed in a forestry or related field. Members seeking this discounted rate will have to offer proof that they are not employed in the broad field of forestry. Once a member is employed in a forestry or related position, they will receive a discounted dues rate for five years at which point they will be required to pay the full membership rate. Further, all professional members will pay a discounted rate (currently \$85) until their 6th year of non-student membership.

Dues will increase in 2012 as follows:

- Member - \$153
- Retired - \$121
- 5 Year discount - \$98
- Student - \$40

This dues approach is consistent with Council actions implemented in 1997. Although SAF has not raised dues significantly since 1997 (a \$3 increase occurred for professional members in 2003) the Council feels that dues have not kept up with the pace of inflation.