

\$40 Membership Fee Reinstated September 1

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Dear ERAO Members,

We're reaching out to give you a heads-up about the reinstatement of a **membership fee of \$40, starting September 1st, 2025.**

The proposed membership fee will be put to the Annual General Meeting in May. After the AGM, we will get in touch with information about payment options. **THERE IS NO NEED FOR ACTION AT THIS TIME.**

- ♦ *Membership fee reinstated September 1, 2025*
- ♦ *\$40 per year*
- ♦ *Info on payment options after the May AGM*

For those who have been with us for a while, remember that there hasn't been a membership fee for at least the past 6 or 7 years. Back then, as a non-profit organization, we put a moratorium on fees to help balance our bank account.

But then COVID hit, and we had to cancel all face-to-face meetings and club activities. So, we didn't need to pay for insurance, keep a reserve, or even have a website. We were just communicating with each other online. The past fee was \$25, which was raised to \$30 before the moratorium.

Things changed when we started having Zoom presentations again. We had to pay honorarium fees, and then we decided to rebrand from OPERA to ERAO and create a public website. That meant paying domain, hosting, and webmaster fees. And recently, we've been offering live presentations again, and we're using our "clubhouse" classroom at Confederation, which requires insurance coverage.

We hope you've been enjoying all the great opportunities our organization has to offer, such as socializing with fellow retirees, making new friends, and taking part in entertaining and informative events like luncheons, walks, presentations, and even the camera club, book club, and quilting club.

We appreciate your understanding and support, and we look forward to continuing to serve you and our community!

Thank you,

Your ERAO Executive Team