

**Proposal to Make to Increase in Membership Fees Starting 2024**  
**CPTSC Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Aug. 18, 2023**

**Problem Statement:**

As an organization, CPTSC seeks to provide its membership with the highest quality professional services at the most reasonable price. As the table below illustrates, we are by far the most affordable professional organization in the Technical and Professional Communication field when our membership and conference fees are compared to other organizations.

<b>Org (2023)</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Conference</b>
SIGDOC (ACM)	45	25	425
ATTW	70 or 60	22	180 or 85
CCCC	50	25	205 or 105
ProComm (IEEE)	106 + 31	16 + 16	525
STC Summit	240	80	1695
Comp & Writing	n/a	n/a	350
CPTSC	40	40	150 or 75

Our membership fees go into our general fund, and they are used for services like:

- Support for *Programmatic Perspectives*,
- Website hosting and similar services,
- Graduate Student Awards,
- Diversity Award,
- Research awards,
- Distinguished Service Award,
- Conference expenses not covered by the conference registration fees,
- Etc.

In order to maintain these services, the CPTSC Executive Committee anticipates that we need to raise these fees so that we can continue to have them in the future. Our fees have not changed in several years, and it's no secret that inflation has increased operating costs across the board for organizations. We have reached the point where, given our current budget, we're actually overspending right now and cutting into our reserves. If we want to continue our services in the future, we need more money coming into the general fund.

**Proposal:**

According to our Bylaws, any proposed increase or changes to the membership fees needs to be brought to the membership for discussion and a vote at the annual business meeting held

during the conference. Proposals need to be submitted one month prior to the meeting. Therefore, the Executive Committee is submitting this proposal to increase the regular membership fee from \$40/year to \$55/year. We are requesting that the membership discuss and vote on the proposed change. This incremental increase should help us stop the current level of deficit spending which is depleting the reserves in our general fund, yet it will still maintain our status as the most affordable professional organization in the field of Technical and Professional Communication.