

# **CWEA/LOCAL SECTION MEMBERSHIP BILLING**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **1) Q: Why do I owe \$\_\_\_\_?**

A: A CWEA Association membership is \$92 per year, this includes one Local Section membership. Additional Local Section memberships are \$12 each.

The pro-rated amount is based on when your membership expires. For all current CWEA members who are members of Local Sections, their amount is adjusted so that their Local Section membership(s) match their state-level expiration date. All pro-rated amounts were calculated based on using 11-1-02 as the starting point. For Local Section members who are NOT state-level members, their amount is calculated by starting with \$92 and either adding or subtracting \$1 per month from 11-1-02 for their Local Section.

#### **Examples:**

Person A—

CWEA state membership expiration date is 10-1-2003, Local Section expiration date is 2-1-2003  
To match this person's LS expiration date to the CWEA expiration date, we added 8 months of LS membership, so they would owe \$8.00.

Person B—

LS expiration date is 3-1-2003, not a state-level member  
Since this person is not a CWEA member, we would start with \$92 and, starting from 11-1-2002, we would subtract \$4 since their LS membership is paid until 3-1-2003. Therefore, they owe \$88 to become a CWEA member and to continue to receive Local Section benefits after 3-1-2003.

### **2) Q: How was the pro-rated amount calculated since I am a WEF member?**

A: WEF memberships expire at the end of each month, unlike CWEA-only memberships that expire at the beginning of each month. To simplify the process, we calculated the amounts for WEF members based on the closest first of the month.

#### **Example:**

John Doe's WEF membership expires on 4-30-2003, so we based our calculation on 5-1-2003.

### **3) Q: Can I still be involved with my Local Section(s) if I choose not to become a state member?**

A: Yes! You can elect to be a non-member Local Section subscriber. As a non-member subscriber you would receive the local section newsletter; however, you would pay the non-member rate at Local Section and state-level events and would not be able to vote in the local section. For information on this option, please contact your local section directly.

**4) Q: Do I have to become a state member now in order to keep my Local Section membership?**

Earlier this year, CWEA's Board of Directors agreed to align the Association's membership practices with our constitution, which requires membership at both the local section and state levels.

Therefore, to be able to take advantage of all the benefits of Local Section membership, including the benefits below, you will need to join the State level as well.

- ◆ Ability to hold office in your local section
- ◆ Opportunity to vote at your local section
- ◆ Participation in awards competition at your local section

Membership is a choice and we value your participation in the organization and the industry. CWEA has excelled in providing training, networking and certification for 74 years with the tremendous commitment of volunteers – your involvement is critical to the next 74 years.

You always have a choice.

**5) Q: I just sent in my membership renewal payment, so why does this letter say I'm not a current CWEA member?**

A: The data we used for the letters was based around mid-October, so if someone sent in their renewal payment after that time, that information is not reflected in the letters. We apologize for the inconvenience but can remedy the situation easily and will make sure you receive no further notices.

For WEF members who renewed directly with WEF beginning on 10-1-2002, their information will also not be reflected in the letters. (Each month, CWEA receives updated membership data from WEF for the previous month. Example: if today is October 24, the most current information we have for WEF members is through September 30, 2002. We will not be given the WEF's October data until mid-November.)

**6) Q: This letter says I'm a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Local Section. I didn't know I was a member.**

**OR I thought I was paid through \_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_ for my Local Section membership. This letter says \_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_ and I don't think that's right.**

A: For the Local Section membership information, we used the data received from your local section. We will take your information and reconfirm with the local section to ensure your membership information is accurate. Thank you for your patience as we do that.

**7) Q: I am a member of WEF, will local memberships be included or will we have to pay directly to the local section?**

A: If you're a current WEF-CWEA member, your next renewal notice will come directly from WEF. The new state membership prices (which include 1 Local Section membership) will be updated, but it will not have a space for you to write in the Local Section you select.

In order to address this, we'll initially assign you to the Local Section nearest you but when we send you your CWEA membership card, we'll include a letter explaining the situation and asking you if you want to change the complimentary Local Section. This will also be an opportunity to add any additional local section memberships at \$12 each.