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American Association of Public Accountants

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NEW YORK

May 1st, 1913

Dear Sir:

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the American Association of Public Accountants, President Montgomery has appointed a special committee to canvass the state societies with the idea of obtaining their views in regard to the question of an increase of dues for all classes of membership in the American Association.

This committee is unanimously of opinion that the dues should be increased. The activities which have been undertaken in the past two years are of such importance that they must not be allowed to lapse; and the association should now be placed in a position to meet its own expenses without the necessity of requesting subscriptions for special funds.

A communication has been addressed by the President of the association to the entire membership, and with the President's letter has been enclosed an excerpt from the report of the secretary submitted at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees dealing with the activities of the association.

This committee suggests the propriety of increasing the dues of the American Association of Public Accountants, say \$5.00 per annum for each class, as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>If increased</u>
	<u>Dues</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
Fellows-at-large	\$10.00	\$15.00
Associates-at-large	5.00	10.00
Society Fellows	5.00	10.00
Society Associates	2.50	7.50

At the same time it might be well to consider the desirability of an alternative proposition whereby members would receive the Journal of Accountancy by virtue of their membership in the American Association. In such a case it would be possible to supply the Journal at \$2.00 per annum because of the large number which would be required for the entire membership. In this case the dues would have to be increased to \$17.00 for fellows-at-large, \$12.00 for associates-at-large, \$12.00 for society fellows and \$9.50 for society associates.

As an example of the working of this proposition a society fellow, supposing him to be already a subscriber to the Journal of Accountancy, would be called upon to pay \$12.00 per annum as against \$8.00 (Dues \$5.00, Journal \$3.00) at present, an increase of \$4.00 in his expenditure; yielding an increase of \$5.00 per annum to the American Association.

This committee has been entrusted with the duty of obtaining the views of members at the earliest possible moment and accordingly we earnestly request that you will favor us with an expression of your opinion so that the committee may be able to submit to the committee on constitution and by-laws a revised by-law based upon the views of members.

Replies should be addressed to the Special Committee on Dues, c/o A. P. Richardson, Secretary, 55 Liberty St., New York.

Special Committee,

E. W. Sells, Chairman,
J. S. M. Goodloe,
Herbert M. Temple.