

UNWLA Policies and Procedures

Part 1: Branch Policies and Procedures

Section 4: Branches-at-Large

B. BAL Dues

The financial obligations of UNWLA Branches are determined by the following four items: the organization's Bylaws, resolutions passed at National Conventions, Regional Councils, and Branches-at-Large.

The Branches-at-Large make an annual payment to Headquarters which consists of the following:

- a) **Annual Member Dues** are currently set at \$45 per member and include the official UNWLA publication, *Our Life*. BALs may establish additional dues based on the goals and needs of their Branch.
Note: UNWLA BAL members must pay their full dues through their Branches and **not** submit any portion directly to Headquarters.
- b) **Annual Branch Dues** are based on the number of BAL members. These funds are used for the daily operational needs of the organization.
- c) **Representation Fund** is based on the number of BAL members. It is used to cover expenses incurred by members of the National Board when UNWLA representation is required at meetings and events nationally and abroad.
- d) **Our Life Press Fund** is not based on the number of BAL members. There is an annual Branch payment of \$100. This critically important fund subsidizes the publications of *Our Life*.
- e) **Branch Museum Dues** are not based on the number of BAL members. There is an annual Branch payment of \$100. The annual dues entitle the branch to full Museum membership and voting privileges. The Ukrainian Museum in New York City was founded by the UNWLA in 1976. The continued support of the Museum is required by UNWLA Bylaws.
- f) **Education Fund** is not based on the number of BAL members. There is an annual Branch payment of \$10. This fund assists various educational endeavors sanctioned by the UNWLA National Board and Executive Committee.
- g) **Membership Status Fund** is not based on the number of BAL members. There is an annual Branch payment of \$10. It is applied toward the cost of dues exemptions approved by the UNWLA Executive Committee.

In January, the Financial Secretary of the National Board mails each Branch President a financial statement for their Branch Annual Payment for the upcoming year. Branches-at-Large are required to make their mandatory annual payment **by February 15th**. Branches-at-Large must send a copy of their financial statement and evidence of payment to their BAL Co-Liaison.