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## Memo

**DATE:** February 10, 2015  
**TO:** National Council of Administration, National Officers, Past National Presidents, National Ambassadors, Department Presidents, and Department Treasurers  
**SUBJECT:** Elimination of One Year Rule

We would like to ensure everyone understands the impact of the change to Section 104 of the National Bylaws that was passed at National Convention in July of 2014.

- Currently only 2015 annual dues are being accepted.
- Those who did not pay their 2014 or earlier dues cannot go back and pay prior years.
- 2015 annual dues will be accepted through June 30, 2015.
- Starting on July 1, 2015, only 2016 annual dues will be accepted.
- This means that all 2015 annual dues must be received and processed by National Headquarters by June 30, 2015.
- Prior members who want to pay current dues but did not previously pay 2014 dues will have to “rejoin” the organization. This means they will need to fill out an application, prove eligibility and be voted into the organization.
- We have 4 types of members:
  1. Life Members
  2. Continuous Annual Members
  3. Lapsed Members – Members who have not paid the current year’s dues but did pay 2014 annual dues have until June 30<sup>th</sup> to pay for their 2015 annual dues. She is a lapsed member until she pays her 2015 dues. If she pays her 2015 annual dues prior to June 30, 2015, she will stay a continuous member.
  4. Terminated Members – Those who have not paid 2014 dues and membership has been terminated. Those members who are in a lapsed status due to nonpayment of their 2015 annual dues will become terminated if their 2015 annual dues are not processed by June 30, 2015.
- The term “reinstate” is no longer being used. Previously reinstate meant that a person could pay their older dues and stay continuous. This is no longer the case. They would have to rejoin the organization.
- When and if they do rejoin the organization, they will be reassigned their old membership number. Using the same membership number for rejoined members helps to ensure that members receive only two Cancer Grants per lifetime.
- Our current computer system is hardcoded with the word reinstate. A request has been initiated to have the wording changed to rejoin.
- All materials are scheduled to be updated with the correct terminology for the 2016 Treasurer's Kits.