

VIRGINIA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

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MEMBERSHIP RATE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010

Times are changing! So has VRWA! On August 27, 2009 the Virginia Rural Water Association (VRWA) Board of Directors took action in changing the method of the membership dues structure. This action was taken in hopes to better serve our current members and to hopefully entice new members to join our Association. The following scale for membership fees will become in effect July 1, 2010 at which time we will switch to a one year billing cycle. ALL membership fees will become due July 1, 2010 with new members coming in after that date being prorated.

The descriptions of the separate membership categories have not changed as stated in the VRWA By-laws. Class A members who follow within the guidelines of the by-law may serve as voting members. Those guide-lines are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Eligibility for Membership: Membership in the Association shall be limited to the following classes of members.

Class A. Non-profit public entities and municipalities under 10,000 population, or rural water authorities, engaged in the treatment and distribution of water and or the collection and treatment of wastewater. (Voting)

New Voting Membership Scale determined based on connections:

1 – 1000 connections	\$300.00 a year
1001 – 2000	\$350.00
2001 – 3000	\$400.00
3001 – 4000	\$450.00
4001 – up	\$500.00

Class B. Any firm, corporation of organization adhering to the purposes of the Association and desiring to assist in the work of the Association may become an associate non-voting member.

Associate Membership (Class B) membership fees will be *increased* from \$250.00 to \$300.00.

Class C. Any person adhering to the purpose of the Association may become an individual non-voting member. Individual members may be appointed to serve on committees.

Individual Membership rate: \$75.00 a year (No change)

Corporate Membership rate: \$300.00 a year (for parent company, \$250.00 for each subsidiary with a maximum umbrella of \$1,000). (No change)

NEW: VRWA will also be offering **Class VI Operators** a membership rate of \$150.00 a year (no voting privileges).

Who can be a member? Any community, individual, business or public entity may become a member of the Virginia Rural Water Association (VRWA) by paying a membership fee. Association Membership is not necessary a prerequisite for our services. It must be noted, however, that private, for-profit system and systems that are ineligible for VDH State Revolving Loan Funding or Rural Development Loan/Grant programs may not qualify for free assistance. In cases where a member and non-member system each request non-emergency assistance within approximately the same time frame and there is not sufficient staff available to accommodate both request within that time frame, priority will be given to the member system.

Monies from association membership dues are used in areas that our government funding will not provide for, such as purchase of equipment, training materials and to strengthen the Association so our services can be expanded to best serve you.

Thank you and as always we look forward to serving you.



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