

## **SOCIETY POLICY**

### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR MEMBERS OF LONG STANDING**

#### **I. PREFACE**

- A. By-Law B3.2.2 states: “The dues of any member or the entrance fee of a prospective member may be remitted for any special reason by the Membership staff. A member may appeal the Membership Staff’s decision on the remittance of “dues under special reason” to the Executive Director in conjunction with the President.

#### **II. PURPOSE**

To provide uniform procedures for extending special consideration to members of long standing.

#### **III. POLICY**

- A. Members of long standing are those who have 25 or more years of paid membership.

Special consideration may be extended to members of long standing who are not yet qualified to become dues-exempt life members per By-Law B3.2.11, who are not gainfully employed, and who have been judged worthy of special consideration because of inability to pay dues because of retirement or ill health.

- B. Members of long standing who are granted special consideration in accordance with item III.A. above shall retain their current grade of membership under one of the following options:

1. Reduced dues of one-half the full rate, with full membership benefits.
2. No payment of dues with full membership benefits, except ME Magazine and ASME News. There shall be no accumulation of years of membership.

- C. Members in the above two categories shall reaffirm their status annually.
- D. The information for the above options shall be included on all dues statements.
- E. Each case shall be considered on its individual merits.
- F. Implementation is vested with the Membership Staff

- G. Cases not defined in III.A. or III.B. shall be forwarded to the Membership Staff for action as authorized by By-Law B3.2.2.

Responsibility: Board of Governors

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