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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS

FROM : IBP NATIONAL OFFICE

DATE : 20 AUGUST 2018

RE : GUIDELINES IMPLEMENTING A.M. NO. 16-06-03-SC, REGARDING INCREASE OF IBP MEMBERSHIP DUES AND OTHER MATTERS

Pursuant to the Supreme Court's AM No. 16-06-03-SC, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines hereby issues the following guidelines for the effective and efficient implementation of the increase in membership dues and lifetime membership fee, and the imposition of certain criteria for members who wish to avail such membership status.

Section 1. Affirmation of Policy and Rationale

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines, being at the forefront of elevating the standards of the legal profession in order to improve the administration of justice, as well as to enable the Bar to perform its public duties and responsibilities, undertakes the following measures as herein contained in these guidelines to defray the increasing cost of its operations and thereby ensure the continuous, unhampered and efficient implementation of its programs and activities.

Section 2. Scope

These guidelines deal with the increase of membership dues and lifetime membership fee, collection of payment, and the qualification for lifetime membership, which is governed by the IBP Board Resolution promulgated on 02 May 2018 for said purpose.

Section 3. Membership Dues

- Membership dues shall accrue and shall be collected annually on or before the 10th of January or upon the enrolment of a new member in the amount of **Two Thousand Pesos (PhP 2,000.00)**. Said amount shall apply to all members of the IBP.

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- b. Membership dues shall be understood to cover one whole year, from January to December of the given year.
- c. Payment made beyond the 10th of January shall be assessed a penalty of 10% of the membership dues per year or fraction thereof.

Section 4. Lifetime Membership

- a. *Fee* - the fee for lifetime membership shall be in the amount of ***Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (PhP 25,000.00)***.
- b. *Basic Criteria and Qualifications* - any lawyer who wishes to avail of the lifetime membership must meet all the following qualifications:
 - i. The lawyer must be a member of good standing;
 - ii. The lawyer must be ten (10) years of continuous membership;
 - iii. The lawyer must have attended at least five (5) conventions of the IBP, either national or regional, or a combination thereof; and
 - iv. The lawyer must have rendered at least 120 hours of free legal aid service with the IBP.
- c. *Other requirements and conditions* - other requirements shall be in accordance with the Board Resolution dated 02 May 2018 on lifetime membership such as, but not limited to the approval of the National President upon favorable recommendation by the National Secretary, National Treasurer, and the Director for National Center for Legal Aid, etc.

Section 6. Revision of the Rules

The rules may be reviewed and revised by the IBP Board of Governors whenever it deems necessary and after due consultation with the general membership.

Section 7. Separability Clause

Should any of the provisions herein be found contrary to the principles being upheld by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions.

Section 8. Transitory Provision

- a. The new rate for the annual membership dues of **Two Thousand Pesos (PhP 2,000.00)** shall become effective on 1 January 2019.
- b. The new rate for lifetime membership fee in the amount of **Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (PhP 25,000.00)**, as well as, the accompanying qualifications shall become effective immediately.

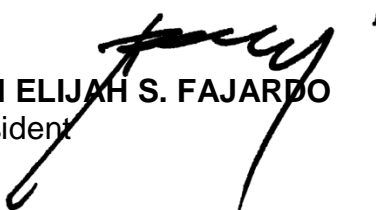
Section 9. Effectivity

These guidelines shall take effect immediately.



JEAN FRANCOIS D. RIVERA III
National Treasurer

Noted by:



ABDIEL DAN ELIJAH S. FAJARDO
National President