

**Society of American Archivists
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**Staff Report: Membership
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As of April 30, SAA membership totaled 5,699, a decrease of 194 from the same time last year and 534 below our all-time high of 6,233 in November 2014. Individual membership less students totals 4,196; our all-time high was 4,608 in February 2015. We saw declines in the ID2 through ID6 categories. See the table below for details by membership category, April 2019 to April 2020.

A note about Bridge memberships: Of the 111 Bridge members as of April 2019, 76 renewed at another level (Associate = 3, Bridge = 4, ID1 = 35, ID2 = 5, ID3=4, ID4=5, ID5=6, ID6=7, ID7=1, Retired=5, Student=1). In the past, staff has spent significant time enforcing the special restrictions for Bridge memberships. To reduce this effort, we removed Bridge rate from the self-service web form when we moved to Nimble AMS. The rate is still available for members who contact the office directly.

We look forward to discussion with the Council about dues restructuring as well as removal of the requirement for all-member referenda to change dues rates. The latter creates a significant barrier to thinking creatively and moving nimbly as membership declines.

Dues Category	Dues	Apr-20	Apr-19	Change	% Change
Associate	\$115-\$145	171	173	(2)	(1.16%)
Bridge	\$ 55	32	111	(79)	(71.17%)
ID1 (part-time)	\$ 80	729	711	18	2.53%
ID2 (\$20-\$29k/yr)	\$ 105	249	289	(40)	(13.84%)
ID3 (\$30-\$39k/yr)	\$ 140	292	349	(57)	(16.33%)
ID4 (\$40-\$49k/yr)	\$ 174	556	647	(91)	(14.06%)
ID5 (\$50-\$59k/yr)	\$ 218	611	647	(36)	(5.56%)
ID6 (\$60-\$74k/yr)	\$ 250	628	637	(9)	(1.41%)
ID7 (\$75-\$89k/yr)	\$ 285	314	300	14	4.67%
ID8 (>\$90k/yr)	\$ 325	359	355	4	1.13%
Lifetime		11	11	-	0.00%
Honorary		1	1	-	0
Retired	\$ 77	243	260	(17)	(6.54%)
Student	\$ 55	946	837	109	13.02%
Total Individuals		5,142	5,328	(186)	(3.49%)
Regular	\$ 340	481	488	(7)	-1.43%
Sustaining	\$ 595	76	77	(1)	(1.30%)
Total Institutions		557	565	(8)	(1.42%)
TOTAL MEMBERS		5,699	5,893	(194)	(3.29%)