

2019 -2020 ESS Membership Renewal

Dear ESS Members,

Your membership in ESS is now eligible for renewal for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. As previously outlined, the membership fee structure has changed to a 2-year cycle. Membership fees reflect this, as well as adjustments for cost of services (discussed more below).

Membership Type*	Proposed 2019 - 2020	Includes JEVS subscription
Professional (Voting) Member	\$200	YES
Student Affiliate Member (non-voting)	\$70	NO (<i>option to add</i>)
Corporate Member (voting)	\$435	YES
Distinguished Service Award Winner	\$0	YES
ESS Fellow	\$0	YES

*Refer to Articles III and IV in the ESS Constitution for description and rights of membership.

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The ESS Board has a fiduciary responsibility to maintain the financial solvency of the Society, and to set membership fees accordingly (Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution). After critical review of the financial history of ESS, it has been agreed that small adjustments to the fee schedule are necessary for the Society to continue to move forward on sound financial principles.

Even in non-Symposium years the Society's operating costs associated with maintaining its membership, communications, financial services, and Symposium planning average around \$12,000 per year. These costs have risen slightly due to inflation and the predicted cost of maintaining the new website. The increase in operating expenses represents a cost of around \$70 per member over the 2 years. Additional operating expenses of about \$20,000 are incurred during years the Symposium is held. As these increased expenses are associated directly with the Symposium, they will be offset by conference income rather than membership fees. The cost of developing the new website (estimated around \$15,000) will be covered by the Society's reserves.

A membership survey indicated JEVS access was an important feature of membership in ESS. In order for the Society to be eligible for a discounted subscription rate, JEVS access (at a current cost of \$130 for 2 years) will continue to be a part of the membership fees for professional and corporate members. Student members will continue to have the option of adding JEVS access to their membership fees at an additional cost at the time of enrollment.

The 2-year membership begins in odd-numbered years (e.g. 2019-2020, 2021 - 2022). For individuals joining ESS for the first time, a one-time, 1-year fee will apply if their membership begins in an even-numbered year (e.g., 2020), but will otherwise be a 2-year membership if they join in an odd-numbered year.

Increasing number of members will reduce the cost per member to operate the Society and limit the number and extent of membership fees in the future. The board will be exploring ways to increase membership, but **we encourage all members to help promote ESS membership.**

Benefits of Membership

As a member of ESS, you will continue to receive JEVS access (optional for students), online access to the membership directory, posting of position announcements on the ESS job center at no cost, discounted registration fees for the ESS Symposium, publication of Symposium abstracts in JEVS, and fast-track review of manuscripts submitted to JEVS for research presented at the ESS Symposium.

The Board has taken the suggestions from the workshop held during the 2017 Symposium and is exploring ways to expand membership services and to improve both internal and external communication in order to add value to ESS membership.

We thank you for your past membership and look forward to your continued involvement with ESS.