2020 MOA / AOA Dues Structure

For more than a century, the MOA has been dedicated to making optometry a stronger profession through education, professional development and public policy advocacy. The advances in the practice of optometry have been made possible through the dues paid by MOA members and serve to benefit all optometrists practicing in the state of Missouri.

**Basic Dues Structure**

The dues structure for MOA / AOA is as follows:

- AOA dues — $972
- MOA dues — $800

Together, the combined total is $1,772

*The MOA also has a Legislative Fair Share Assessment of $75 to support the annual MOA Legislative Conference.

MOPAC contributions of $250 are also added to the dues statement. See page 20 for a complete explanation of both AOA and MOA PACs.

Basic dues are combined with the Legislative Fair Share and the MOPAC contribution for the final dues balance.

**Ascending Dues Scale**

Invest in your future. Invest in a membership in organized optometry. Do it today when you have the best advantage.

The MOA has a strong commitment to mentoring and encouraging new optometrists to become part of the professional optometry. New practitioners are exempt from dues in the calendar year that they are first licensed. Thereafter, your reduced dues gradually increase over the next several years.

Licensees in residency or post-graduate programs receive reduced membership fees and will begin or resume their dues obligation at the end of the program, so long as membership has been maintained during the residency/postgraduate program. Don’t lose this opportunity by waiting.

The following dues scale applies:

- New grad — FREE
- Residency/post grad — $35.00
- 1st year — $502.20
- 2nd year — $679.40
- 3rd year — $1,211.00
- 4th year — $1,654.00
- 5th year and after — $2,097.00

Dues may be paid in one lump sum, or, through quarterly or monthly billings. Payment may be sent directly to the MOA Central Office, or set up for automatic processing through your credit card (monthly or quarterly with fees), quarterly bank draw, or through your optical lens laboratory. Contact the Central Office for more information, 573-635-6151.

**Tax Deductibility of MOA / AOA Dues**

Contributions or gifts to the AOA or MOA are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of association lobbying activities.

The AOA estimates the non-deductible portion of your AOA dues—the portion allocated to lobbying—is 7.5%; for the MOA this amount is 9.5%.