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### ***ASTSWMO Policy for State Non-Payment of Dues (Fee Assessments)***

States and Territories (States) are obligated to pay membership dues that are assessed by the ASTSWMO Board of Directors ("Fee Assessments") each year. Any State that defaults on payment of the Fee Assessment shall not be entitled to benefit from the rights and privileges of membership except as provided herein. Rights and privileges may include but not be limited to: the right to vote; the right to hold a leadership position in the organization; and priority for funded travel when funding is limited. Leadership positions include: Association Officers, Regional Representatives on the Board of Directors, Subcommittee Chairs and Vice-Chairs, Task Force and Focus Group Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

At the Board Meeting following the end of the fiscal year in which the Fee Assessments are due, the Board of Directors will address the membership status of States that have not paid the annual Fee Assessment. A State may seek a waiver from the Board of Directors of the suspension of the State's membership rights and privileges. The waiver must be submitted prior to the Board Meeting in writing on State letterhead and signed by the State designated Voting Member. The request for a waiver must explain why the State's annual Fee Assessment is not paid and provide a rationale for granting a waiver of the State's suspension of membership.

If a State fails to pay the Fee Assessment and does not submit a waiver request, the State's membership rights and privileges cited above will automatically be suspended for one year unless any exceptions are granted by the Board. The Board will evaluate and make a decision about any waiver requests submitted by a non-paying State. The Board will consider each waiver request individually and, based on the circumstances, may restore all or some of the membership rights and privileges for the petitioning State. Payment of a Fee Assessment in the following year will entitle the State to participate fully in the Association as soon as the one year suspension has expired.

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