

Altrusa International, Inc.

What Does Your \$55 Int'l Dues Get You?

Membership dues are important and help cover the expenses and administration of an association. Our Altrusa association is no different. Each biennium a budget is created and presented to the membership. Our budget covers the expense of operating an international service organization. In exchange, members receive numerous benefits. Below is a breakdown of what your annual \$55 international membership dues are.

Personnel

This represents the staff at the International Office who supports over 7,400 members worldwide by performing the items listed below to our members.

1. Customer Service

- a. Answer questions and resolve issues via telephone and email
- b. Translation (Spanish & French)
- c. Answer Group Tally inquiries and assist members with the website

2. Administration

- a. Process memberships and club charters
- b. Produce financial reports (including monthly reports and for the audit)
- c. Update & maintain manuals/bylaws/policies on website
- d. Maintain archives and records
- e. Liaise with Doc Morgan

3. Communication and Publications (create, distribute, etc.)

- a. The Compass, the International Altrusan, District DSBs and other informational eblasts
- b. Surveys (access to Survey Money, and the building/distribution of surveys)
- c. Website management and maintenance

4. Board Members & Governor Support (governance, support & leadership)

- a. Preparation and support for meetings (materials, data, etc.) and any Conference calls

5. Conventions & District Conferences

- a. Event support, planning, organization, communication, hands-on during Convention, orchestrating workshops, publications, awards, entertainment, etc.

Office Expense

This covers things such as rent, utilities, equipment leases, computers or laptops, supplies, postage, phone expenses, bank fees, etc.

International Board & Governance

This represents a variety of Board meetings, International Officer Rep visits for District Conferences, Board of Director insurance, International Officer pins, Association Liaison to the Foundation visit, etc.

Member Services & Communication

This represents membership development, awards, memorial gifts, new club building support, marketing and promotion, Group Tally, club liability insurance website development/maintenance, and electronic mail distribution.

Finance/Legal/Association Governance

This represents a biennial audit of our accounting records, annual tax filings, statutory and trademark fees and any legal fees.

Governor's Council & Committee Expenses

Miscellaneous expenses (i.e. conference calls) for the Governor's Council and International Committees. For further details, you can review the budget posted on the International website. Login as a member, click on the Governance tab and look under Financial Governance.

Each time your International Board meets, the finances are reviewed and discussed for the association. As members ourselves, we are vested in making sure we are doing everything possible to operate within the budget, look for ways to reduce costs, monitor savings investments, etc.

Service is ingrained in all of us, and we are stronger together. Membership in Altrusa builds upon that premise. Our dues provide us not only the measurable items above, but also the intangible items listed here:

- An opportunity to create, build and nurture a network which connects us to new service opportunities;
- To gain valuable skills such as leadership, presentation, problem solving and time management;
- The chance to do good within our Club (local community), District or world;
- To take advantage of getting better every day through educational opportunities by hearing from guest speakers
- and/or attending education workshops at our Club meetings, District Conferences and International Conventions;
- By learning more about the world to gain cultural awareness and knowledge about important issues; and
- New friends and life-long friendships with people who have a variety of interests and talents.