

New York State Bar Association

Committee on Membership

Resolution – Subscription Payment Model of Membership

Submitted for Consideration at the June 10, 2023, Meeting of the House of Delegates

WHEREAS, the New York State Bar Association, as a membership organization, delivers certain benefits for the purpose of the professional development of its members;

WHEREAS, the benefits of membership with the New York State Bar Association include access to Continuing Legal Education programming, publications and articles, legal templates and forms, and other member-specific content;

WHEREAS, the implementation of a subscription payment model for membership dues would allow members to process Section membership and access to virtual and on-demand Continuing Legal Educational programming as part of their respective annual membership renewal;

WHEREAS, the implementation of a subscription payment model for membership dues would assist the administration of the Association through consolidated marketing efforts, allocation of staffing and resources, and stronger long-term revenue forecasting.

WHEREAS, the implementation of a subscription payment model for membership dues would streamline online transactions for both members and non-members and would facilitate the expansion of membership amongst New York licensed attorneys who are not currently members of the New York State Bar Association;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates endorses the implementation of a subscription payment model for membership dues;

RESOLVED, that any subscription payment model would be available to those persons eligible for membership within the classes of Active Members, Associate Members, and Law Student Members of the Association;

RESOLVED, that the powers and privileges incumbent on each of the above-referenced classes of membership would not be abrogated or altered by implementation of a subscription payment model;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and report be commended to the Committee on Bylaws for such review so that the appropriate Bylaws amendments can be drafted as necessary for consideration and subscription at the November 5, 2023, meeting of the House of Delegates;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such appropriate Bylaws amendments, if subscribed to by the House, will be presented for discussion and adoption at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Association.