



MID-YEAR NEW MEMBERS – WHAT TO CHARGE AND WHEN TO PAY I.I. HQ

This document is devoted to how and when to pay dues to I.I. HQ for members who join at different times of the year.

BACKGROUND

Dues to I.I. are to be paid for all your regular and honorary members no later than **June 30** of each year for a Membership start date of July 1. However, as we know, chapters accept new members at various times throughout the year. This document will assist you in determining how to submit dues throughout the year should your chapter allow this.

CHAPTER DUES

All chapters collect dues for regular members that include two elements:

1. International dues - Regular membership or Honorary membership - This requires funds to pay I.I. HQ the equivalent of 6,000 yen per member. This amount fluctuates based on the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar compared to the yen. In addition, I.I. HQ requires the chapter to pay all fees associated with electronically transmitting these funds. Payment by check is not an option.
2. Local chapter dues - An additional amount to cover local expenses for chapter operations.

For example, a chapter collects \$75 in dues per member as follows:

- \$60 – International dues
- \$15 – local chapter dues

THE ISSUE

Dues should be paid (as stated above) to I.I. HQ by June 30 for renewing and new members joining July 1 - June 30 of the following year. When a member joins after the chapter has submitted dues on June 30, the chapter can use various alternatives to submit dues to I.I. HQ during the year.

They will accept payment for new members' annual dues up to December 1 and consider that member having joined as of July 1. I.I. HQ will send those new members a full year's worth of Ikebana International Magazine.



The chapter must use the I.I. FORM - Membership Registration and Donation Form to process the dues for mid-year memberships.

Alternatives for members joining between July 1 & December 1

The chapter collects the full amount of the International and chapter dues and pays the international dues to I.I. HQ. This allows the new member to receive the I.I. magazines published between July 1 and Dec. 1, attend any scheduled regional or world conferences, and cast a vote for the I.I. HQ board elected every September.

The chapter collects only the local chapter dues, sending no funds to I.I. HQ. This means the member would not be an International member until they renew their membership for July 1 of the following year.

I.I. NCAR recommends the new member be advised of the pros/cons of paying the full amount or the local chapter dues only. If the new member is not interested in the International benefits, they can pay local dues as a **one-time** option.

Alternatives for members joining after December 1

This scenario is highly dependent upon when the chapter collects its annual dues for all members to be paid to I.I. HQ by June 30.

- Should a member join after December 1, the chapter can charge (or a pro-rata amount) the **local chapter** dues until the annual dues are collected for all members.
- The new member will pay both International and chapter dues when **annual dues** are collected (by June 30). In this scenario, the new member is a chapter member only until July 1, the start of the membership year.
- Participation in a Regional Conference or World Convention (i.e., the 13th World Convention is scheduled for April 2025) requires full international membership. A “local chapter member” is not eligible to attend.

HOW TO PAY DUES TO I.I. HQ

It is common for chapters to enroll new members throughout the year. If international and local chapter dues are collected, the chapter's fiduciary obligation is to pay such international dues to I.I. HQ as soon as possible.



How to pay mid-year new member dues

- When a chapter has less than five new members, the easiest and most affordable way to pay dues is via the PayPal option provided by I.I. HQ. This differs from the recommended method for paying dues for more than five members.