## **New Dues Structure**

The National League has purchased a new software, *ChapterSpot*, for all Leagues to manage rosters and dues collection. It will be at no cost to us. Our current roster is managed on a Google sheet, and payment is separate, making roster management a real challenge. The new system is going to be a definite improvement, making it much more efficient to manage, but it will result in some (minor) changes for our members.

Some changes you can expect are...

- Cost of membership: Currently an individual membership is \$70. Moving forward, the League is going to take a Pay-What-You-Can approach, with the recommended amount being \$75, but members can choose to pay as low as \$20. Family and associate memberships will also be eliminated under the new structure: All household members will need to sign up for an individual membership, paying whatever amount they feel they can.
- The share to the National and State Leagues: Today, the local League collects its members' dues, and National and the State Leagues bill the local League based on the number of members they have. Under this current structure, if you wanted to donate to your local League, you could do a sustaining membership when you paid your dues. This is going away with the new structure. The amount you chose to pay in dues will be divided between National/State and your local League. If you want to donate to the Greater Green Bay League specifically, this will need to be done separately from dues collection.
- Tax deduction status: Currently, because the Green Bay League, a 501C3, collects your dues, all your dues are tax deductible. Moving forward, the only part of your dues that will be deductible is the portion that goes to your *local* League. State and National are not 501C3s, and therefore the percentage of your dues that is collected by them is not deductible.
- **Membership renewal:** Under our current system, everyone's renewal is due April 1, which is the start of our fiscal year. With the new system, a notification of your renewal will be sent <u>a year after</u> the date of your last renewal (or the date you joined). The process to sign up for your renewal will be in the new ChapterSpot system, but instructions will be provided.

You can learn more about the League's transition to ChapterSpot here: <u>ChapterSpot Resources</u>, and if you have questions or need help when it's time for you to renew, you can email <u>lwvggb@gmail.com</u>, and we'll get you the assistance you need.