



Section:	2. Meetings
Subpart:	2.1. Registrations
Policy No.:	2.1.1.
Title:	Observer Registration Fee
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Purpose: Establish a first-time observer level of participation at Annual Meetings.

Background: Annual meetings are a tremendous opportunity for persons in the surrounding area to attend, where they are otherwise unable. For example, a weights and measures jurisdiction in the host state may wish to send extra staff members who do not ordinarily attend. Still, the registration costs may be prohibitive for such attendance, depending on budget constraints of that program.

The Board of Directors developed a policy that would provide a discounted level of meeting registration; giving individuals the opportunity to take advantage of the meeting location by witnessing that Annual Meeting process at a reduced rate. However, this discounted rate would come with certain limitations that do not exist with full registration.

In 2004, this policy was expanded to include a reduced registration fee for first-time attendees at Interim meetings, too. It was also amended to extend the reduced registration fee to any first-time attendees, not just those in the immediate region. A clarification was added at that time regarding cost to attend special events.

Policy: Observer Fee at Annual and Interim Meetings:

1. A one-time reduced fee for first-time attendees to Annual or Interim meetings.
2. An attendee taking advantage of the reduced registration fee shall not have voting rights.
3. An attendee taking advantage of the reduced registration fee shall pay additional fees associated with special events that are otherwise included in the full registration fee.