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**Summary:** Change to Article X, Finance Section of the NOW bylaws regarding processing and allocation of rebates.

**Rational:** The equitable, timely, allocation and distribution of funds needed to maintain and support existing units of NOW.

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## **ARTICLE X.**

### **FINANCE Section**

**1. Fiscal Year** The fiscal year shall begin January 1 and end December 31.

#### **2. Dues**

**A.** Annual dues shall be paid on the anniversary date of the day on which the member joined. The amount of dues shall be set by a two-thirds vote of the Board, which shall establish regular and hardship dues. Any member whose dues are in arrears for one hundred and eighty (180) days following the anniversary date on which the membership was first recorded in the national records shall be dropped from membership rolls one month after the mailing of a warning notice that the membership has become delinquent.

~~**B.** NOW members shall pay annual dues to National NOW, which shall be responsible for forwarding state and chapter portions (rebates) to the appropriate units. Rebates shall be sent at least monthly.~~

**B.** New members or renewing NOW members may pay dues to either National NOW, state NOW organizations or their local chapter, which shall be responsible for forwarding national, state and chapter portions (rebates) to the appropriate units. **Rebates from each receiving entity must be sent to the appropriate unit or sub unit within 30 days.**

**C.** The membership of persons who remit national dues during a National Conference shall take effect upon adjournment of the Conference.