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In June 2008 the HGFA held a Board meeting.

One of the many items discussed was the HGFA membership increase and the introduction of the SARSIG structure, the structure planned to replace the current State Organisations.

During the discussion on SARSIG I pointed out to the Board that the planned introduction of the normalised membership fee including the individual State levies represented an unfair burden of payment on members of all states other than Tasmania, particularly Qld and WA. It is my opinion that these fees are financially unfair to the members of those States; for example Qld members each paying \$40 more than the Tas members.

This matter was discussed at some length then the Board decided to retain the proposed fee structure scheme despite my objections. Fair enough - that is how a democratic Board operates. However after their resolution to retain the charging scheme I specifically asked for my objections to be minuted. There was no disagreement.

Some days later the minutes were routinely distributed for approval to the Board members however my objections had not been minuted as I had requested . I responded and pointed out that my comments should be included. Despite my request the Board subsequently elected not to include them.

Consequently I have taken this opportunity to air my objections directly with the membership via the Soaring magazine.

“I do not agree with the normalised uniform fee of \$350 including the individual State levies that are progressively unfair to members of all States other than Tasmania, particularly Qld and WA.

In my opinion this position the board has taken is not fiscally fair to most members.”

Thank you for your attention

Brian Webb
Board member