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League Secretaries:

Thank you for accepting this very unrecognized and thankless job! If not for your efforts, we could not have league bowling. So thank you again.

My name is Teri Jennings and I am the Association Manager for your Ames Area USBC. My telephone number is (515)291-0146, my email address is amesareausbc@gmail.com or you can leave things with the proprietors and I will pick them up on a weekly basis.

Membership dues have changed for the 2014-15 season. This is the first local association dues increase in more than 30 years. The dues structure for adults this year is \$10.00 National dues, \$1.00 BA State dues or \$1.00 WBA state dues and \$7.00 local association dues. The total due per bowler is \$18.00. Women may join both state associations and they will owe \$1.00 BA dues and \$1.00 WBA dues for a total of \$19.00. If a bowler has purchased a membership for this season in another association, they will need to purchase a local only membership of \$7.00. If a bowler is a member of the Ames Area USBC, they association will be paying those dues. Please make sure that Hall of Fame cards are marked HOF (Hall of Fame). All checks need to be made payable to the league and the league will pay me. All checks submitted by league officials need to be made payable to Ames Area USBC. The membership application form has been completed changed. It is now a DOUBLE-SIDED form. Please make sure both sides are filled out. The front side of the card is the bowler information. Please remind all of your bowlers to verify all of the information. I would like to get everybody's email address if possible, which is how we communicate with our bowlers. The back side of the card is used to tell us which type of membership they are purchasing. Please make sure that this information is filled out.

Here is a quick recap on the dues structure:

Adults- Male or Female paying State BA:

National Dues: \$10.00

State BA Dues: \$1.00

Local Assoc Dues: \$7.00

Total Dues to be paid-\$18.00

Adults-Women paying State WBA:

National Dues: \$10.00

State WBA Dues: \$1.00

Local Assoc Dues: \$7.00

Total Dues to be paid-\$18.00

Adults-Women paying Both State WBA and BA:

National Dues: \$10.00

State WBA Dues: \$1.00

State BA Dues: \$1.00

Local Assoc Dues: \$7.00

Total Dues to be paid-\$19.00

Please ask your bowlers to verify the address on their cards and update it if it isn't correct. If a bowler has bowled in another association, please ask them to include their ID # from their bowling card. Your bowler ID Number is your permanent number and doesn't change if you change associations. **PLEASE ASK YOUR BOWLER'S TO ENTER THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS ON THE CARD.** We will be sending out email notifications of tournaments, meetings, and other information. They may mark their card that they don't want to receive any 3rd party mailings and I will mark the computer to show that they don't want to receive emails.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN YOUR LEAGUE APPLICATION AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS AFTER THE 2ND WEEK OF BOWLING AND THEN SEND ANY OTHER CARDS WITHIN 10 DAYS OF RECEIVING THEM.

National USBC will no longer be offering awards except for 300 and 800 scores. Those awards are once in a lifetime awards. If a bowler has already rolled one of the honor scores, the national association will not give them another award. Awards may be purchased. Any bowler that rolls a 300 or 800 will still need to fill out the honor scores awards sheet so their score will be recognized on bowl.com. Our local association is looking at local awards for repeat 300 and 800 scores.

Your local association will be offering patches for high games and high series. We voted to make these once in a lifetime. Eligibility for the awards is different than what USBC had for eligibility in the past. If you are using a computer program to send me your awards, you will need to enter our awards as local association awards. Instructions on how to do this and the new awards sheet are included in your packet. Please email me your awards sheets. Your bowlers pay for these awards and should be able to receive them.

Your board of directors wants to help you do your job. Please check our website to see how we can help you. WWW.IOWABOWL.COM/AABA.

Have a great year. Do not be afraid to ask the board members or me any questions. We are here to help you do a great job.