WSWS Officer and Committee Report

Office or Committee Name: Sustaining Membership Committee
Officer or Chairperson Name: Ben Westrich
Date of Preparation (include year): July 11, 2024

Activities during the year:

- Inherited position from Carl Coburn
- Familiarized myself with the responsibilities of the chairperson of the sustaining membership committee by reviewing the WSWS Operating Guidelines and the Constitution and By-Laws
- Reviewed recent committee activity and pending actions by reading the sustaining membership committee reports from the board meetings during the summer of 2023 and the 2024 WSWS annual meeting, and by meeting with the previous chairperson
- Amended solicitation letter to remove the mention of the offering of a research progress report, as these have been discontinued by the society per the announcement on December 6th, 2023.
- Prior to sending out solicitations in August of 2024, the solicitation letter will be amended to reflect the updated fee amount and accompanying justifications

Recommendations for Board Action:

- To encourage participation and contribution, organizations paying the sustaining member fees could also be offered the benefit of having their sustaining member fee cover the cost of annual meeting attendance for one of their representatives
    - Would need to examine potential revenue implications and adjust fees accordingly
- It may be worthwhile to use prior payment history to estimate sustaining member company size and the potential impacts to this year's revenue with the new 3-tiered system. I am happy to do this if someone could provide me with payment history or other information that would help me determine each company's anticipated contribution.

Budget Needs:

- None, unless the first recommendation is pursued

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