

# NY Chapter 3 News

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## Young Physicians

### Graduated Dues and Monthly Billing

One of the most important things that the Section on Young Physicians (SOYP) is working on has not been advertised on our site:

***SOYP has been pushing the AAP to have  
a graduated dues schedule and to have monthly billing.***

### Graduated Dues

Right now, your first year of fellowship (FAAP status) costs about half as much as subsequent years. But for many, it takes more than one year to establish financial stability after residency. SOYP has been talking with the Membership committee and the leaders of the AAP about having a 5 year graduated dues schedule. The leadership has given serious thought to this idea. At this point, however, the billing system cannot differentiate members by number of years of fellowship so it cannot be done. SOYP will continue fighting for us. If you want to join us in the fight, please contact me at [christinavomd@gmail.com](mailto:christinavomd@gmail.com)

### Monthly Billing

Last year, SOYP presented another idea to the AAP leadership. Why allow members to pay their dues month by month instead of the entire bill at once. Including chapter dues and section dues, many members have to pay over \$800/year for membership. Many would be willing to pay a percentage higher for the year if they could pay about \$60/month instead of all at once. We argued that chapter membership and section membership might increase because paying for them without the added fee of the entire year of AAP membership would be less prohibitive. Chapter and section fees could continue to be annually billed to make it easier. We hear through the grape vine that monthly billing may be a possibility in the near future!! SOYP will continue to discuss with the Committee on Membership and AAP leaders, including District leaders and the AAP President.

We will keep you updated on our progress. Look for more information here as we learn more as well as on the YoungPeds Network (the Young Physicians website: [www.aap.org/ypn/yp](http://www.aap.org/ypn/yp)) which will soon be updated!