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*121st AGM Decision*

A resolution was passed at the July 2012 Annual General Meeting: “That Council institute the two-tier subscription from 2013.” The following elaborates on this succinct statement.

Increasingly people (both Polynesian Society members and others) can access the contents of the *JPS* online, through both online providers and the *JPS Online* site. This has affected the Society’s subscription base (in the form of members’ dues) that finances the production of the *Journal*. Council has discussed this conundrum at length and determined that the best resolution is to (i) make the *JPS* available to members in either electronic form only or both electronically and in hardcopy (“two tier” refers to these two options), and (ii) to embargo access to the *Journal* through other online

sites for three years. In other words, people who are members of the Society will have immediate access to its contents upon publication, and those who opt to receive hardcopy will continue to receive a posted printed copy as well. However, the latter will pay marginally higher dues of NZ\$70 to cover the additional cost of printing and postage while the dues for electronic access only will remain at NZ\$50.

To provide restricted online electronic access has called for the creation of a dedicated website ([www.thepolynesiansociety.org](http://www.thepolynesiansociety.org)) with a section restricted to members via a username and password. Members will be able to use the website to pay their dues electronically which will make it more convenient to remain a member and others will find it easier to become members.

Traditional methods of paying annual dues will remain available to new and existing members.