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## Event Sponsorship

**Purpose:** To establish a policy for sponsorships at NCWM events.

**Background:** At one time, individual companies attending NCWM conferences would host hospitality suites. This practice grew and became expensive for the hosts. The Associate Membership Committee set their dues at \$15.00 above the Active (government) dues rate. They proposed using some of the extra funds to co-sponsor an annual outing in conjunction with the NCWM Annual Meeting. Associate members had a "gentlemen's agreement" that this event would replace the practice of hosting hospitality suites.

Additionally, NCWM has accepted, and even solicited, sponsorships for Chairman's Receptions at Interim and Annual Meetings. On occasion, NCWM has fallen under criticism for accepting such event funding, characterizing it as an attempt to influence the voting membership on key issues.

### Policy:

1. NCWM will not solicit or accept sponsorships for meetings or special events held in conjunction with our meetings.