American Gourd Society
PO Box 360814
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PROPOSED BUDGET - 2027

1. Proposed budget for your review and approval

1. The Full Board has carefully reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2026 and have approved to move it forward for a final approval by the General Membership.

One INCOME figure (membership dues) for 2026 is anticipated to come in lower than previously projected. However, we also anticipate income from Back Issues and Tutorial sales will make up for some of the loss. These projections were factored in as we prepared the budget for the upcoming year.

EXPENSES are projected to be nearly the same in 2027 as they have been in 2026. The Web-based services expense is projected to be lower because one item in this category is billed only on even years.

- ◯ Approve
- ◯ Disapprove
- ◯ Abstain

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	Projection	Projection
INCOME SOURCES	**2026**	**2027**
Membership Dues	$ 43,000.00	$ 42,000.00
Magazine Advertising	$ 7,000.00	$ 8,000.00
Judge Training Fees	$ 250.00	$ 250.00
Magazine Back Issue Sales	$ 200.00	$ 400.00
Tutorial Sales	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
TOTAL Projected Income	**$ 50,950.00**	**$ 51,150.00**
EXPENSES		
Web-Based Services	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,675.00
Magazine Printing	$ 21,000.00	$ 21,000.00
Postage	$ 9,500.00	$ 10,000.00
Professional Services	$ 12,800.00	$ 16,400.00
Insurance	$ 300.00	$ 300.00
Office Supplies	$ 1,000.00	$ 500.00
PayPal Fees	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,600.00
Judging Program Expenses	$ 400.00	$ 200.00
Storage Unit	$ 600.00	$ 600.00
Travel	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Mission-related Expenses	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00
Misc Other Expenses	$ 500.00	$ 400.00
TOTAL Budgeted Expenses	**$ 54,200.00**	**$ 57,175.00**
NOTE: Magazine printing is 35% of budget		
NOTE: Dues are 82% of expected income		