Proposal to Increase BAFA Membership Fees

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The British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA) plays an important role in supporting the development of accounting and finance as an academic discipline. With approximately 1,000 members, BAFA provides a vibrant community for researchers, educators, students, and practitioners interested in advancing research, teaching, and engagement with professional practice and society.

BAFA currently charges £30 per year for individual membership, and £15 for unsalaried PhD/MPhil students or retired members. These membership fees have been in place since at least 2016.

Membership provides several important benefits, including a subscription to *The British Accounting Review*, participation in Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Regional Area Groups, access to conferences, seminars and research workshops, and engagement in a vibrant community of practice. BAFA also recognises academic excellence through a number of awards, including the Distinguished Academic Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Distinguished Contribution Award, and the Outstanding Contribution to Accounting and Finance Education Award. In addition, BAFA collaborates with organisations such as the Academy of Social Sciences and the British Academy, providing members with opportunities such as access to British Academy Small Research Grants. These activities are central to BAFA's mission of supporting the accounting and finance academic community. To sustain and further develop the Association, while maintaining value and accessibility for members, **<u>it is proposed</u>** that:

- **The standard annual membership fee is increased from £30 to £50**
- **Unsalaried PhD/MPhil students or retired members' fee is increased from £15 to £25 per year**.

The proposed increase in BAFA membership fees would still leave fees modest in comparison with those of similar international organisations, such as the American Accounting Association (equivalent to £187 individual member, £56 student member), the European Accounting Association (equivalent to £86 individual member, £21 students), and the Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand (equivalent to £79 individual member, £29 students/retired members). The proposed modest increase can help ensure that BAFA continues to support its members, sustain its activities, and strengthen its role as a leading academic community in accounting and finance.