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Dear AABB Member,

Thank you for being part of AABB. Our mission – to improve lives by ensuring that transfusion medicine and biotherapies are safe, available, and effective worldwide – remains as vital as ever.

AABB is a member-driven association. You are essential to our mission. We exist because of, and for, professionals like you. Member dues directly sustain AABB's programs and services – including Standards, accreditation, education, advocacy and global initiatives – that strengthen our field. Without your partnership, this critical work simply would not happen.

We recognize the financial realities that many institutions are facing. We have heard your feedback about budget constraints, fiscal year alignment and the need for predictable planning. In response, AABB is introducing, for the first time, three flexible billing options for accreditation and membership fees. These choices are designed to provide greater control, ease year-over-year increases, and help you manage your budget with confidence.

Your Billing Options for the 2026–2027 Cycle

- 1. Option 1 – Two-Year Commitment (Best Value)**
 - A single payment covers both the **2026 and 2027 cycles** (membership and accreditation fees).
 - Fees are **locked at current 2025 rates**, with **no increases for two years**.
- 2. Option 2 – Split Payment**
 - Fees for 2026 remain at current rates.
 - Payment is divided into two installments: the first due upon receipt (for 2026) and the second due **July 30, 2026** (for 2027).
 - The 2027 cycle reflects a **2% increase**.
- 3. Option 3 – Standard Annual Payment**
 - Membership and accreditation fees are billed annually.
 - A **4.5% increase applies in 2026**, followed by an additional **4.5% increase in 2027**.

These options reflect AABB's commitment to supporting your planning needs while ensuring that membership and accreditation remain accessible and cost-effective. By providing flexibility, we are empowering you to choose the payment approach that best aligns with your financial calendar and organizational priorities. At the same time, these changes enable AABB to continue

delivering the high-quality standards, resources, and advocacy on which our community relies. In the coming weeks, AABB will begin sending invoices that reflect these options.

Your membership and engagement make the following possible:

Standards & Accreditation

- Continuous updates to AABB's Standards and accreditation program keep your organization at the forefront of quality and safety, ensuring your staff operates with the latest guidance and best practices for donor and patient care.
- New Standards, including the forthcoming 35th edition of *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*, as well as the new *Cell and Gene Therapy Standards for Pharmacy* and *Standards for Emergency Prehospital and Scheduled Out-of-Hospital Transfusions*.
- Ongoing global assessments and accreditation in more than 50 countries, ensuring quality and consistency across the field.
- "Ask the Standards" and similar programs that connect members directly with technical and regulatory experts.
- New this year: Onboarding tools for facilities adding new activities, including 1:1 calls with accreditation team ahead of your first assessment.

Education & Professional Development

- **Complimentary webinars and education programs** addressing issues like cybersecurity, emerging infectious diseases, policy changes affecting blood collection and biotherapies, and many other critical topics for the field.
- AABB's **Leadership Certificate in Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine** continues to prepare early-career professionals to lead effectively.
- The **Future Leader Scholarship Awards** and **AABB Foundation grants** fund research and innovation that advance the field and help improve patient and donor care.

Advocacy & Public Policy

- AABB remains a **strong voice against unnecessary barriers to blood donation** and in support of equitable reimbursement and responsible regulation of laboratory-developed tests.
- We work closely with federal agencies and global partners to **inform policy, strengthen readiness and advance the safe use of biotherapies**.

Information & Community

- The newly launched **AABB News Center** brings members the latest insights, research highlights and expert commentary all in one place.

- Our **publications, fact sheets and regulatory tool kits** — including updated resources on emerging infectious diseases — serve as trusted tools for both members and the wider health community.
- Through partnerships with organizations such as ISCT, ASTCT and ASGCT, AABB continues to bridge transfusion medicine with advancing fields in cell and gene therapy.

We remain fully committed to stewarding your investment through responsive, high-impact programs that elevate the entire field.

We know that every dollar counts. If you have feedback, ideas, or questions, please contact AABB Member Services at membership@aabb.org or +1.866.222.2498 (during our business hours of Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. ET – 5:00 p.m. ET).

Thank you for your partnership in driving progress — together, we will continue to advance transfusion medicine and biotherapies.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jose A. Cancelas", with a stylized flourish underneath.

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