

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DIPLOMACY



2009 Membership Dues Renewal

Membership Dues: The Academy is enjoying many successes but financial strains are growing, which is why we are asking you for additional help this year, as explained below. Further, the Board of Directors decided on January 9, 2009 to raise membership dues to \$350 for general members.

Program Success in 2008: The Academy saw several programmatic successes in 2008, from the publication of the *Foreign Affairs Budget of the Future* (FAB) report, the *Integrating Instruments of Power and Influence* study (with RAND), and a report on *Preventing Genocide: A Blueprint for US Policymakers* produced in partnership with the US Institute of Peace and the Holocaust Museum. Each of these reports attracted much attention from the media, Congress, NGOs, and the general public. The FAB report has been followed by 13 presentations in various cities and briefing the incoming Administration and Congressional leaders. We will expand this effort in the coming year, recognizing that proper staffing for State and USAID may well be the most important project we have ever undertaken.

Critical Needs in 2009: While these programs do much to achieve the mission of strengthening American diplomacy, the Academy is facing strong financial challenges. Our endowments and grants fund programs, but give limited support to administrative costs. We had a budget deficit of **\$27,500 in 2008**. Due to losses in investments and cost increases in rent, audits, accounting, and moving, we are projecting a deficit of **\$42,000 in 2009**. Membership dues do not completely cover our operating expenses, and we face a particular problem this year because of the national financial crisis, its effect on our holdings, and increased difficulty of finding donors. Hence, **we ask that when you pay your dues, you consider an extra amount that would help us raise \$42,000 to fill this deficit**. Included below is a breakdown of how individual gifts would affect the Academy's budget deficit for 2009 if all members paid.

Gift	Result
If every member gave \$210 in addition to dues	\$42,000 raised, deficit filled!
If every member gave \$100 in addition to dues	\$20,000 raised, deficit cut in half
If every member gave \$50 in addition to dues	\$10,000 raised, deficit cut by a quarter

Please take this opportunity to submit your 2009 dues to the Academy, and consider making an extra contribution. You can either:

- o **Pay online** in a fast, safe, and secure way by visiting: http://www.academyofdiplomacy.org/about_us/funding.html
- o **Send a check**, made payable to the American Academy of Diplomacy, to 1726 M Street, NW, Suite 202, Washington, DC 20036.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Neumann
President

* There is no obligation for honorary members or members in government service to pay dues.
(See back for instructions on contributing gifts of stock, leaving a gift in your will, and updating contact information)

Contributions of stock: The Academy welcomes gifts of stock. Please contact the Academy's offices at 202-331-3721 to find out how to donate stock.

Leave a gift in your will: Please contact the Academy's offices at 202-331-3721 to find out how to leave a gift to the Academy in your will.

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Company: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____