Change to Membership in the SSVE Section with SSVE listserv access

As the SSVE Board of Directors and the IARP Board of Directors work to make your membership even more valuable, we are focusing on elevating the benefits received through the lobbying effort. In order to continue to positively impact our profession, we will begin to implement a SSVE fee of $150 beginning March 1st, 2019. These funds will provide a steady stream of resources available that will the lobbying efforts of the SSVE Section; Examples of our achievements are below:

- Lobbying efforts have resulted in an 11% fee increase for all SSVEs--$7.7 million dollars in additional fees per year.
- A 2018 poll of IARP SSVEs indicated more than 80% of respondents favor a $150 section fee to all SSVE section members to support lobbying efforts.
- The qualification of SSVEs continues to be an issue. The lobbyist and board have addressed this by having favorable language included in two separate federal budget bills.
- PLEASE NOTE: This fee will better distribute the expense associated with representation and is equal to one first-hearing-of-the-day ($134) plus $16, for the entire year.

With the lobbying efforts paid for through the SSVE section fee, we have an authoritative voice (ours) at the bargaining table and the ability to educate and influence decision makers – we are essentially "at the table and not on the menu".