

The POA was founded in order "to enable property owners at Deep Creek Lake to promote, preserve and protect the quality of life, environment, recreational opportunities, historic sites and historic areas in, on and around Deep Creek Lake, Garrett County, Maryland." The dues paid go 100% to support the mission as stated. The entire board of the POA is made up of volunteers.

The major outlay of dues goes to support projects which will benefit the members. Examples of these projects supported by the POA are: Volunteer Fire Departments, Garrett Memorial Hospital, AEDs for sheriff department patrol vehicles, gypsy moth spraying in lake areas not serviced by the state, communication devices for the Lake Police and memorials for POA members who have made major contributions to the life at the lake.

The next largest cost for the POA is communication with the members to keep them abreast of happenings at the lake and the work of the board. This category includes printing of the newsletter, maintaining a web page and special emails on subjects affecting the members. Meetings of the membership and the board are the next cost, because of the refreshments served at each. There are also costs involved in maintaining the mailing list, and the processing over 1,300 dues payments.

Dues money that is left over at the end of the year is put into a reserve fund savings account. In past years the POA on behalf of its members has fought legal battles which can be very costly. Examples of some of these legal proceedings have been challenges to unwise development, the proper design of the sewer system and finally the protection of the property owners' interest when the lake was sold by the power company.

Though in recent years the POA board has had the excellent counsel of attorneys on the board, litigation could be very expensive for the POA.