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**IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED VISNA STRUCTURE**

**Membership meetings were held Friday, February 2ND on St. Croix and Saturday, February 3rd on St. Thomas to discuss:**

1. **The merger of the Districts into one State association effective November 1, 2023**
2. **VISNA/ANA as the only membership entry**
3. **The one State dues of $ 9.37 per pay period effective January 1, 2024, for payroll deduction; this will impact mainly nurses working on St. Thomas/St. John whose deduction is now $8.25**
4. **Nominees needed for Officers and Directors to serve in the ‘23-’25 biennium**

**UPDATE**

1. **Information has been sent to the financial departments of the hospitals and the Department of Health to begin the $9.37 deductions where appropriate retroactive to the January and February pay periods; to ANA for the monthly dues of $88 to the State collected according to the Member Types Bill Methods and also retroactive to January and February**
2. **Persons paying only the CBU Service Fee of $20 will be asked to sign up for the $9.37 payroll deduction to be in membership. Plainly stated you cannot be a CBU member WITHOUT being a VISNA/ANA member**
3. **At present there is no change to the CBU fee of $20 for nurses in or joining the Union**
4. **The Nominations Committee will shortly be indicating the status of nominations so that an election can be held**