

RMS INSTA-POLL

“If RMS had PayPal for dues only, would you use it instead of writing a check?”

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Yes:	71
No:	72
Undecided:	3
Ambivalent:	2

Appropriate comments:

- “It would be great for me as an overseas member.”
- “Yes. Way more convenient and easy.”
- “Yes. I pay other organizations this way and it works well.”
- “Yes, as long as dues weren’t increased to include PayPal’s outrageous fees.”
- “I’m for adding PayPay as an additional option, but adding whatever percentage PayPal charges to the dues, so RMS doesn't eat that charge.”
- “I do not know who carries the load, who has to pay for the service of using PayPal, but if it should be to RMS’s advantage, why not use it even for other things? Once one learns how to use it, it is so simple and you can keep good records.”
- “I would rather not, because I send my dues directly from my online bank account and do not use PayPal very often.”
- “No, I’m Old School. I’d still send a check.”
- “My experience with PayPal has been a business experience. It may be a convenience to some but you do run into problems on a regular basis. Personally I would not use them at all for anything.”
- “NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO.....I've had problems with their site!”
- “What would really help me renew *[my membership]* would be getting an invoice. If we have new members, they might be casual collectors, like me. Sometimes I don’t read the bulletin, or get to it months later. Of course, Mike, that has nothing to do with the quality of the content. *[Of course!]* It reflects that I have a lot of other things going on besides the Hobby.”

****Ed. This last comment hits on an excellent idea (sending out invoice/dues reminders to members as their dues come due), except that everyone’s dues are due on different dates, and it would be an ongoing nightmare to be sending such things out all year long. Wouldn’t it be easier on everyone concerned if RMS went to the same dues date for everyone, say January 1st. Then it would be no problem to send out such an invoice to everyone all at once.*