

## News from N.E.W. #9, Thursday, January 2, 2014

1. **The next National Executive Council meeting** is January 10-11, 2014 in Tucson, AZ. Many agenda items are merely clarifications of current policies for the policy manual. We will also approve special programs for 2015. Our region has proposed one from Ric Catron for the East County Wind Walkers – Volcanos. The really important agenda item is the approval of the candidate for National Executive Director, selected by the Executive Committee. I'll forward you the message from Dennis Michele, the AVA President, explaining the process they went through and the candidate we will need to approve at the meeting.
2. **New Seasonals in Alaska:** The Dairyland Walkers, a walking tour group part of the Madison Area Volkssport Association in Wisconsin, has sanctioned three seasonals in Alaska that they will do on their cruise to Alaska: Ketchikan, Haines and Seward. Instead of sanctioning for only one day, they have sanctioned their walks from April 1 through October 31 as a benefit to all of us. Walks are remotely registered through Tom Doyle at [tjdoyle98@msn.com](mailto:tjdoyle98@msn.com). Contact him for information to register and get your directions by email. If you are or will be in one of these towns in Alaska, please arrange to do their walk.
3. **Clarification of Club Dues to AVA:** Remember beginning with the 2015 fiscal year that starts July 1, the dues to AVA will be \$100. The \$100 will be invoiced as usual, I believe in May, and will be due July 1. Your Club's account will be **credited \$50** as soon as you hold a traditional event in the fiscal year (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015).
4. **Changes to YRE Events:**
  - East County Windwalkers need to put the new Estacada, Oregon, YRE off until the 15th of January 2014. The box has not yet been set up with the business owner who has agreed to allow our box to be there. The box keeper assures me that by the 15th it will be in place. Sorry about the delay. This is a great walk and worth the wait!
  - Albany Fitwalkers Club: **Albany – Historic (Y0215) & Albany -- North Albany (Y0934)** now start at the **Subway, #110**. (In the same shopping center as Ray's Grocery Store which was the previous Start Point but enter the shopping center by another road), 637 NW Hickory St. From I-5 north or south, take Exit 233 (Hwy 20). Follow signs for City Center & Corvallis. Take Lyon St. across the bridge over the Willamette River. Turn right on North Albany Rd. (2nd stoplight) and then first right on Hickory St. (stoplight). Subway store will be seen but use the entrance near Starbuck's. Turn left into shopping center's parking lot & then another left for the Subway location. Wood file cabinet is to the right by entrance & before the Service Counter. Open daily from 7AM to 10 PM (Sunday closes at 9 PM). For further information: Julia Westerberg, [pjwesterberg@comcast.net](mailto:pjwesterberg@comcast.net), 541-967-3001.
5. **From Dave Scull, Atlantic Region Director:** "I took the article by Chuck in the TAW on the regions and added a few more statistics, like population and participation (from the convention report). Guess what? If every region could match the best in class volkssport penetration rate in the Northwest of 4,700 participants (over two years) per million population, then AVA would see about 740,000 participants a year. I have been unable to find the historical numbers but memory says this is about what we had at our peak in the early 90's. I am wondering if it is the wide open spaces in the northwest region that make for better events?"
6. **Remember to register for the NW Regional Conference Portland State University, June 23-28:** Go to <http://www.walkoregon.org/conf/nw2014.htm> for information and registration.

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