

## News from N.E.W. #25, December 31, 2014

### 1. The Northwest Pathfinder:

- Eleanor Borgardts apologizes for the quality of the Northwest Pathfinder printing. The printer quit, and gave them one week to find another printer. The printer he suggested did a lousy job – as you note with grayed pages uneven stapling, etc. There wasn't time to get it reprinted.
- **Please note** – all copies, even those clubs get to give out at walks have the same cover as mailed copies. It would have cost an extra \$400 to have a newsprint cover. If you resend **you must restamp!!** The NWP will be fined if you mail with the pre-printed non-profit stamp showing.
- The Northwest Pathfinder is reforming as a Washington State Volkssport Club. Evergreen State Volkssport Association no longer wants to handle the taxation issues associated with the publication. Both the ESVA and OTSVA have approved this move. Bylaws are being drafted. More later.

**2. National Officers:** The national nominating committee is looking for candidates for the offices of **Secretary and for Treasurer**. At present there are no candidates for these positions. If you or anyone you know might be interested in finding out about these national offices, please contact Sam Korff, who is on the nominating committee. Sam's email is [korff.sam@wildblue.net](mailto:korff.sam@wildblue.net). It's important that we get forward thinking persons on the National Executive Council.

**3. IVV Americas:** President Dennis Michele intends to have a by mail vote of clubs on whether to join IVV Americas or not. I haven't heard when, but it will be before the convention. He does not want a floor discussion. I am personally in favor of us joining, and suggest that each of you review information on the **IVV-Americas public Facebook page**. Join the page and read the messages from Curt Myron, President, on the purpose of the IVV forming continental associations, and what their purposes and funding mechanisms are.

**4. Next NEC – Sacramento, January 30-31.** I still haven't seen an announcement from President Dennis Michele about proposals for the NEC meeting. We will be brainstorming on Friday morning, the 30<sup>th</sup>, prior to the formal meeting, on the AVA business model. I look forward to meeting the new Executive Director, Henry Rosales at the meeting.

**5. Salem Convention:** Please check out the convention website linked from [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org) or [www.nationalavaconvention2015.com](http://www.nationalavaconvention2015.com). All walks are finalized. Workshops are decided and will be on there soon. The schedule is set and the brochure is being finalized. There will NOT be a paper registration form in the single brochure you will receive. There will be a link for online registration and if you must register on paper, you can download a form. But if you use a paper form, remember it will all have to be entered online by someone else.

**See you all on the trail.** Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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