

## News from N.E.W. #48, August 30, 2016

- 1. YRE/Seasonal Renewals Do any Updates and fixes NOW:** I hope you all got your YREs renewed. The report I used to be able to get to see all YREs not renewed doesn't work. So I don't know which haven't been renewed. You can enter a new YRE/Seasonal using the "**New Traditional ESR**" link, even though it says "Non-YRE". You just put the correct event type from the drop down box. I don't know if doing it after August 31 still gets in the Starting Point. You **can't** enter one through the Manage YREs link.
  - **You have until approximately September 15 to go in and change** anything in your entries, add Special Programs, etc. These two weeks are for review.
- 2. Financial Reports, IRS 990 N Form (e-postcard), and Officer updates.** All things listed in this section can be done anytime **BEFORE November 15, but MUST BE DONE BY November 15.** The financial report form can be found on the AVA website. The Officer updates are done online. If no change, you still must go in and click 'submit' anyway. Information about the new IRS requirements has been in previous newsletters and Checkpoints. Don't lose your IRS non-profit status!! You will if you're late.
- 3. Northwest Regional Conference: Boise, ID Friday – Sunday, September 16 – 18, 2016:** Registration by mail closes tomorrow, August 31, although you can register at the hotel for the Meet and Greet and for the events. Questions? Email me. <http://nwregionalconferenceboise2016.weebly.com/> for the form and information.
- 4. We need volunteers for various tasks. Copy & paste into your browser:** [www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4DA4AE29A0F85-Boise](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4DA4AE29A0F85-Boise) and volunteer.
- 5. National Awards: Please nominate club members for awards.** We now have a **Commendable Service Award**. See the AVA Policy Manual for information about this and other National awards. Although there is a form in the Policy Manual, I would just need an email from you nominating the person and letting me know why they should get the **Commendable Service Award**. I can also give out **Certificates of Appreciation** and **Meritorious Service Awards**. Awards that require NEC approval are the **Distinguished Service** and **Hall of Fame Awards**. I need to have the forms for these by Thanksgiving as I need to get them in to the Awards chair by December 1.
- 6. Election for the next Northwest Regional Director:** My term is up as Regional Director at the end of June, 2017. Dick Baker has once again graciously agreed to be the Nominating committee chair. Tom Baltes is the Deputy Regional Director. His term is up as Deputy RD at the end of June as well. He does not automatically become the next RD, but I hope he will run. Therefore, the nominations for NW Regional Director for the July 1, 2017- June 30, 2019 term are now open. Each club in the region will be given a ballot. We usually hold elections by mail-in ballot. Elections must not be held before March 7, 2017, 90 days before the AVA convention. Dick Baker will announce all nominees to clubs. If you would like to run for NW Regional Director or Deputy NW Regional Director, please send your resume to Dick Baker at [dickbkr@q.com](mailto:dickbkr@q.com).
- 7. I have decided to run for AVA Vice President.** More later on this.

**Hope to see you soon.**

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