

News from N.E.W. #51, March 5, 2017

1. **Reminder: Election for the next Northwest Regional Director:** It's time to vote for the next NW Regional Director. Each club should have received an email from Bonnie Tucker (WA), Dar Parrow (OR), or Dick Baker with the following attachments: a ballot for the next Northwest Regional Director; procedures for the NW RD Election; Tom Baltes's resume for the position of NW RD; and, a letter from Tom declaring his candidacy. Tom Baltes is the only candidate for NW RD although there is a space for write-ins on the ballot. Your club's ballot is due back May 1 to the person indicated in the email you receive. Thank you in advance for voting for your next representative on the National Executive Council.
2. **Club Delegates at the AVA Billings Convention:** Is your club sending a delegate to the AVA Convention in Billings, June 13-16? I realize not many people want to sit through meetings. But the issues we will be voting on, including the officers of the next NEC, have a direct bearing on what AVA will look like in the future. Check the convention website from the link on www.ava.org. Delegate registration is only \$75 and includes everything except the banquet and events. If you can't send a delegate, you should send a proxy and tell that proxy how you want them to vote on issues you will receive in the packet prior to convention. No member of the National Executive Council (me and Sam Korff, for example) can be proxies. A proxy must be a delegate of another club.
3. **Next Northwest Regional Conference:** The Anchorage Volkssport Club **will not** be able to provide the next Northwest Regional Conference. The next conference would be in 2018. Can your club or a group of clubs put on a three day weekend of events? There would need to be a good venue with space for people to sit down and talk. We would need a dinner of some kind. Let's talk at your state association meetings.
4. **In Good Standing:** Please make sure your club is in "good standing" to be eligible to vote this June at the convention. Remember Clubs must be in good standing 45 days prior to the membership meeting (April 30, 2017) AND all debt, liability and/or obligations must be satisfied within 60 days of the due date, in other words nothing be past due 60 days. For more on good standing refer to the policy manual Section 2.03 Status and Standing. Here is a checklist of items that need to be resolved be in good standing:
 - The Annual Financial Club Report and a copy of the Club's IRS e-postcard filing confirmation must have been received at AVA Headquarters by 11/15/2016 and Club officers and POCs must have been updated as well.
 - All outstanding debt, liability and/or obligations must be satisfied within 60 days of the due date to include:
 - All due event stamps must be returned to headquarters
 - All Participation reports must be up to date and received by the Headquarters – You must enter online within 30 days of the event finish. If you miss the 30 day window, the event disappears from AVA website and participation numbers must be emailed to Samanta@ava.org.
 - All dues, fees and late fees must be paid within 60 days of the due date.

See you on the trail.

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