



Hello NW Volkssporters!

1. **Update on your Deputy RD.** As of our last conversation Dennis is making great strides in his rehabilitation after surgery and he plans to be at the Regional Conference in July. I expect he'll be back to full speed and walking 10kms before you know it.
2. **Regional Conference.** Our conference is just around the corner and it will be outstanding. Mike Zewe and the OPE club have some exceptional trails lined up, the ESVA team has a great dinner planned, and there will be several training opportunities on Saturday, including a roundtable with your national officers. This will be a unique opportunity to speak with the entire board to provide your feedback and to hear their perspectives. If you haven't registered for the banquet yet, please do it right away, as seating is limited and the signups will close soon.
3. **Quarter/Annual Reports.** We're nearing the end of the quarter and fiscal year. Walk box owners, treasurers and club officers should coordinate your efforts to get quarterly reports to AVA in a timely manner. I'd also like to challenge all clubs to complete their Annual Financial Reports (AFRs) and IRS reporting no later than mid August. When you send your AFR to AVA don't forget to forward a copy to Dennis at nw_drd@ava.org.
4. **Youth Liability Waiver Form.** As you should have seen in the May Checkpoint, the back and forth on the use of this form has pretty well brought us back to where we started; the form is to be used primarily for youth programs. Our Executive Director and Standards and Evaluation Committee will work out the appropriate verbiage for the Policy Manual to ensure we have clear guidance.
5. **Registration Log Options.** One byproduct of the dialogue about youth registration has been the decision that listing addresses on the YRE logs is optional. If any walkers are concerned about protecting their privacy they only need to include their printed name and signature.
6. **NEC/Board Notes.** The board met in Albany, NY, on 8-10 June and got a chance to visit with the convention committee, view the site and from all appearances we are well on our way to an exceptional convention in June 2019. Attached is a synopsis of the meeting for your review. Your national board is laser focused on the daunting task of getting our membership growing again and reestablishing financial stability. Likewise, the national office is doing everything in their power to curb costs, raise funds and provide the support you deserve.
7. **Sept 2019 Events.** Portland's CRVC is planning a multi-day event in central OR in early Sept and the Washington state association will follow with a multi-day event the next weekend in Winthrop, WA. Walkers will be treated to nearly 10 days of exciting walks across two states.
8. **Sanction Window Open.** You can now begin submitting your ESRs for the 2019 YREs/Seasonals. Work with your clubs to get those sanctions submitted early. Shortly, you'll be able to go back into your sanctions and add more detail to the stamp data. State will be abbreviated, so the top line can be walk name and second line city and state. RDs will get details from IT in a week or so and pass on to clubs.

Happy Trails!

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