

Atlantic Region Ramblings #32

1. There are several suspenses coming up:

- a. October 20: Goal for submitting your participation report for the 3rd Qtr. On this date, I will ask AVA for a report and then we will start “bugging” you to get the report in. If you do not have all of your participation reports submitted by October 28, the State Association Presidents be asked to contact you and make sure your report is submitted. Trust me, your State Association Presidents have a lot better things to do with their time than call you.
- b. October 25: Deadline for submitting articles for the December/January edition of The American Wanderer. If you have a traditional event during this period or a new Year Round Event starting on January 1, use this as an opportunity to publicize your event.
- c. October 31: If your club is under the AVA non-profit umbrella:
 - i. AVA must receive the Annual Financial Report
 - ii. The E post card must be filed with the IRS
 - iii. AVA must receive the confirmation that IRS received the E post card.

All clubs:

Submit the “Officer Update” on the AVA web site. Include updating the club membership.

See paragraph 2. The official date is November 15 but your State Association Presidents and I need two weeks to follow up with clubs that do not submit.

- d. October 31: The deadline for mailing back to AVA the IVV stamps for seasonal events that ended on September 30 and were not renewed for 2017.

Reminder that if you renewed your seasonal event for 2017, you do not need to return the IVV stamp.

2. This is from Henry Rosales, AVA Executive Director:

Just a gentle reminder to make sure your clubs are 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 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 must be mailed, emailed or faxed to the Headquarters by 11/15/2016
- A copy of the Club’s IRS e-postcard filing confirmation must be mailed, emailed or faxed to the Headquarters by 11/15/2016
- Club officers and POCs must be updated in the ESR by 11/15/2016
- 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
 - All dues, fees and late fees must be paid within 60 days of the due date

Erin and Marie will be sending out a courtesy reminder 30 days prior to the 45-day cutoff of the membership meeting.

Respectfully,
Henry

3. This is from Frank Sayers, NEC Liaison to the 2017 AVA Convention:

This is my initial call out to you for ideas/requests for workshops at the upcoming 20th AVA Biennial Convention in Billings, Montana. I already have some requests. It may be helpful to solicit your clubs. I have 14 slots available, each for 90 minutes (this is a change from previous conventions – more time). I would like to gather a list of who and what, and allow the NEC to decide at the NEC meeting in January which will be best.

I am redoing the tentative schedule currently posted on the convention web site, so please ignore it for now. After some review, I will probably have all of the workshops in the morning of Thursday June 8th, seven from 0800-0930, seven from 1000-1130. I will post the new tentative convention schedule Real Soon Now.

Please reply by November 15 with your requests and suggestions for the workshops. Thanks.

4. The Canterbury Trails will have their inaugural event in Natural Bridge, VA on Sunday, November 6. Please support them by joining them and walking around Virginia's newest state park!

Thanks,
Tom Jackson
Atlantic Region Director