

AVVA Convention Report 2010

Reps and Contacts,

I have just returned from one of the best AVVA Conventions I have attended. Many changes have been made in AVVA at this Convention.

Election Results: New AVVA National Officers

President: Nancy Switzer (NY)

Vice President: Francis Cartier (MN)

Secretary: Sharon Hobbs (TN)

Treasurer: Bill Williams (MT)

Region II Director: Cathy Keister (PA)

Note these are all the Officers that PA State Association supported in this election.

All by-law changes proposed by the By-laws committee were passed as recommended except for Article 12 section 12.07 (Policy and Procedure Manual of AVVA Section 5 and Section 9 only be changed by vote of the delegates at a Bi-Annual meeting.)

If anyone would like a copy of all of these changes please email me and I will send it to you. These changes will be in the minutes of the meeting when released. I will be sending these to you when I receive them.

A few highlights that are of interest to all:

1. Bi Annual meeting has been changed to odd number years beginning in 2013. (This means that the officers elected at this convention will serve for a 3 year period.) Also, the by-laws may not be changed for the next 3 years.)
2. The name of the organization will NOT be changed.
3. The address of the Corporation will now be:
8719 Colesville Road Suite 100
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3917
(Note this is the new address for the VVA/AVVA National Office. Please make sure to send all National correspondence to this address.)

Also, the Changes to the Policy and Procedure manual proposed by the PA AVVA State Association PASSED, with the except of the change referring to the Per Diem paid to BOD members.

This motion was made and discussed in detail to the delegates present, point was made, delegates are now aware of the actions taken to assure the BOD do their scheduled task. Motion died for lack of a second, however, it was important to bring this to the delegates to make them aware of the issue.

Finally after 4 years of work by PA's membership:

Each Chapter that holds an election and has a registered Chapter Representative to their State Association will now get a vote at the next Bi-annual meeting in 2013. This motion carried and was sent to the National Election Committee to review the wording. The final wording of this section of the P&P will be voted on by the BOD at the October BOD meeting.

We won.....the membership has finally been heard!

A very special thank you to Nancy Rekowshi for all her efforts and input that helped those delegates present to understand the importance of this proposal. Without the efforts of your PA delegation this may have never passed. Thanks Nancy for all your hard work and expertise.

That is the highlights of the meeting. We will be discussing this at our October 6th State Association Meeting.

Also, I have been appointed the National Membership Chair for AVVA.

I am very proud to serve the membership of the State of PA.

Cathy Keister
President PA State AVVA Association