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I hope your summer is going well and you have had an opportunity to enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation. There are a number of areas that have been hit very hard this year by extreme weather (tornados, fires, floods, etc.) and it seems we all know someone who has been directly affected. My thoughts and prayers continue to go out to all those affected. Please stay safe.

As Convention quickly approaches, just a few reminders for delegates, presidents, and membership:

- The Proposed ADDC Bylaw amendments have been posted on the website and will be voted on at Convention. Please review these with your membership and come prepared to discuss and vote.
- A slate of candidates has been presented and the nominee qualifications have been posted to the website. Please review with your membership and come prepared to vote for your 2015 ADDC officers. Just a reminder that nominations are still open and there may be nominations made from the floor.
- The Rules of Convention, Convention Procedures and Parliamentary Hints have been posted on the website. Please review and bring these to Convention with vou.
- Credential forms are due August 1. If you have not already done so, please get them emailed or sent in.

At times, it becomes necessary to form small committees of members to address specific issues that come up within the Association. These smaller groups are more formally known as Ad-hoc Committees. At present, ADDC has the following Ad-hoc Committees:

- Investment—Tasked with investigating what investment options will increase interesting income for Association funds. Presently per our by-laws, the ADDC accounts can only be invested in bank or near-cash equivalents. While those investments are extremely safe, it is incumbent upon the Board to determine what other options may exist. Keep in mind that any change in how we invest funds would require membership approval and a change in our bylaws.
- Past Presidents—Feedback from Open Forum discussion at Regional Meetings this year suggests that we need to communicate more effectively from year to year. Additionally, some great ideas came out of the survey that could be discussed by past ADDC presidents. A group was selected and they are opening discussions about various topics within the next 30 days.
- Region Fund Resolution—ADDC's legal counsel reviewed one of our region fund resolutions and advised that a resolution is not enough to qualify our clubs as tax exempt under the Association exemption. They suggested that the regions adopt a governing document that is approved by ADDC. We are not suggesting that these fund resolutions be scrapped but we must be certain that all sections required by law are included within each fund resolution. A four member committee, including ADDC Parliamentarian Sheryl Minear, is reviewing this topic.
- Technology—We live in a world with ever-changing technology and ADDC must continually look for ways to remain current in this area. Changes to the ADDC website have been developed and implemented by Maggi Franks, Chairperson, and her committee. I think they have done an amazing job!

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Rena Shaffer, 2014 ADDC Manuals Review Committee Chair, and her committee have done an outstanding job updating all the ADDC guidelines. Most of the manuals have been reviewed, approved by the Board and posted to the ADDC website. Please take a few minutes to look on the website for this important information. I truly appreciate Rena's extraordinary efforts this year.

We are counting down to Convention! With less than 60 days to go, the excitement is building. I wish all of you could attend; this year's Convention is not to be missed. One of the suggestions that came from our most recent membership survey, and one that will possibly be implemented this year, is a video tape of the Energy Symposium. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting addition to the Convention!

Línda Rodgers

Upcoming events:

2014 ADDC Convention - September 24-28