

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE 11-14

Greetings Chapter Leaders! The first couple months have been a whirlwind and I thank you sincerely for the support and feedback I've been receiving!

I am very pleased with the progress that we are making as a Region. Thank you again for your time and work. It is a great thing to a part of a great team that works together and shows progress.

I just reviewed November's President's package, I haven't seen this document for awhile, and though we have our work cut out for us it's all doable!

Let's address some areas that need improvement.

MINUTES RECEIVED REPORT: All Chapters in the Western Region either aren't having meetings, or aren't submitting the minutes to National Office. I've asked the Deputy Director to develop help with this area. She will be sending out a message to all the Chapter Secretaries discussing this. No matter what good the Chapter/Region is doing we HAVE to document it!

When National Office reviews their reports each Chapter has to have at a minimum 1 meeting every Quarter in a Calendar year.

Chapter President's – support your Chapter Secretary in this process. I recommend following up with your Secretary no later than 3 days after your meeting on the progress of the minutes. Time passed is content forgotten. Also, ensure minutes are being CC'd to the Deputy Director – this will help them monitor your Chapters progress.

On the report that I received today there were Eight (8) chapters than were not following the National standard as written in the By-Laws. This is the middle of November so this means you only have 1 ½ Months to get it right for a good year. Good Luck!

Please keep our Deputy Director current on what is going on. She cannot do her job unless you let her.

OVERDUE RENEWALS REPORT: Throughout the Region there are Twenty Two (22) individuals on this report who's membership is about to expire. Each of these individuals needs to receive a phone call asking that they please renew their membership. Granted some may have already renewed. Still a phone call to your members is a great thing and shows that you care about them.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS: There are Fifty One (51) names on this list and each of them should get a thank you for joining or renewing. This can be done via Phone Call, E-Mail or in person at your next meeting. Don't forget as you know a thank you will really make the person know that you care and that they are important to you and our Association.

LOST MEMBERS LIST: Sometimes it is very hard to identify if an individual is in your area or not. I went down the list just to identify the individuals that have an address within the Western Region and found Eleven (11) individuals that, by address, live

within the Region. They may or may not, how do we find out? Call, email, and write a letter.

I recently sent out a suggestion from the National office explaining how to check on your member's information.

“Have each member that attends a meeting check their personnel information, complete a Proxy form and initial the roster that their information is correct. If it is not correct guide them to go on line to the National Web Site and make the necessary corrections”.

This is a quick 5 + minute discussion during the meeting. Make sure that you have membership Application, Proxy forms and Change of Chapter Affiliation Forms on hand so they can complete what they need to on the spot.

If you've been elected or appointed as a Chapter Leader, I encourage you to get proactive within your chapter. I send out emails and make phone calls. Those that respond and have input – thank you! I've taken on the mission to support you towards making every chapter in our Region a top performer, not just one or two but I can't do this alone – remember, our Region Motto is “Teamwork”.

Lastly, thank you! Thank you for your continued hard work and support of the Warrant Officer COHORT, thank you for your pride in all you've accomplished in your career – and your willingness to mentor other Warrants. I can't say it enough, we can't do this alone.

Supporting the Corps

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