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I hope everyone and all your friends and loved ones are safe and well. Out of concern for the health of everyone who attends our meetings and the number of COVID cases statewide, the September 19, 2020 Wisconsin State Council quarterly meeting has been cancelled. Although alternatives (including virtual meetings) were discussed, it was decided that (at least for now) cancelling is the best option. We are hoping to be able to have our December meeting as scheduled, but if not, I'll let you know.

I checked the AVVA website (AVVA.org) to see what may be of interest to everyone and was pleasantly surprised by the new design of the site—it has a much “cleaner” look. As with any change, it will take a little while to get used to us and possibly some searching to find where some things are located. I did find the bottom of the “Home” page has a number of general groupings (i.e., “Contact Us – All Levels”, “News and Announcements”, “Natn'l Board Information”, etc.) that are very helpful. The Policies and Procedures Manual (under the Legal Documents tab then AVVA National Policies) wasn't where I would have expected to find it but it didn't take long to locate it. I encourage you to visit the site and explore it.

I reviewed the April 15-16 and July 15 Board of Directors quarterly meeting minutes (they were all held online and were attended by our Region 6 representative, Rick Talford), as well as the minutes from the special meetings on April 23, May 19 and June 3. During my review, I noticed a number of updates/clarifications are being made to the Policies and Procedures Manual and that a decision was made to change from a “newsletter” to a “blog” to keep members informed (National is still in the process of creating the new blog on their website). You may want to go to the site and review the minutes yourself—it's a great way to stay informed about what's going on at the national level of AVVA.

Since the State Council hasn't been able to hold meetings, there isn't a lot to report. One item of note is the rescheduled Toxic Exposure Town Hall meeting on November 14, 2020. To register for the event: go to [vvawi.org](http://vvawi.org), look for “Town Hall Update” and click on “Town Hall at the War Memorial” or you can go to [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) and indicate Toxic Exposure Town Hall Meeting (and, if asked, November 14, 2020). For additional information or a copy of the flyer, please visit [vvawi.org](http://vvawi.org).

Upcoming Events:

September 19, 2020 (**cancelled**):

Wisconsin State Council quarterly meeting; Ramada Inn, Waupaca

November 14, 2020 (rescheduled date):

Toxic Exposure Town Hall meeting, Milwaukee County War Memorial, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

December 5-6, 2019 (currently still scheduled):

Wisconsin State Council holiday party (12/5) and quarterly meeting (12/6); Ramada Inn, Waupaca

May I send you this newsletter by e-mail? If so, please contact me at [jlfoye@frontier.com](mailto:jlfoye@frontier.com) with a subject line of “AVVA At-Large Newsletter” or by phone at 715-842-9197 (we don't have caller ID so you'll need to leave your phone number in order for me to return your call). Any suggestions on what (or how much) information to include in the newsletter if greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Take care and be safe.

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