

## MEETINGS

Due to COVID, our first regular meeting was held in October of 2021 (two years of no meetings). The Executive had at least five (5) meetings during those two years along with many phone calls among board members.

Chapter 14, as per National and Department, is headquartered in Hendersonville and covers over four counties - Buncombe, Henderson, Polk and Transylvania Counties.

The Executive Board has done three newsletters this year, first time in at least 15 years (cost). We met in Hendersonville October 2021; Asheville March 2022; Tryon July; and will be back in Hendersonville October 2022. Executive Board members have traveled to each of these and attendance has been dismal- on average four regular members showed up. Since no one is paid - all are volunteers; the Executive Board has decided to only hold an Annual Meeting (as allowed by National Constitution and By-laws) in Hendersonville.

We know COVID is a problem. We need member participation. Less than 10 people are elected officers (The Executive Board) representing nearly 900 members.

**THINK!** Five years ago: Department had over 36,000 members, they now have less than 30,000; they had 92 Chapters, they now have 59. Chapter 14 had about 340 members, when Chapter 2 turned in their Charter to National and combined with Chapter 14, they were Buncombe County only and had nearly 600 members.