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I hope everyone is safe and healthy during this very unusual and difficult time. I trust everyone received my note or e-mail indicating the March 21<sup>st</sup> quarterly Wisconsin State Council meeting was cancelled due to concerns regarding the coronavirus pandemic. My personal opinion is that it was the right decision to make. In case you haven't already received the information, the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting has also been cancelled due to the same concerns and potential difficulty of maintaining appropriate social distancing.

The AVVA National Elections Committee sent the following e-mail on May 21 with guidelines on how to handle Chapter and State elections. Election dates and processes have been extended. Elections may be held in person if it is safe or by an online meeting prior to September. If only one candidate is running for the position, the election can be called by acclamation. It is important to complete elections in order to ensure having a delegate at the next convention. All election result forms and information must be sent to the proper person.

The following is information from AVVA National for the election of the State Representative:

***March 18, 2020 STATE AND CHAPTER ELECTIONS***

**NOTICE:** *Due to the current national situation many chapter and state meetings are being postponed and canceled; most notably the April chapter meetings. The AVVA Executive board has approved a plan to temporarily waive certain parts of our bylaws and policy in order to expedite our chapter and state elections in a safe, verifiable manner for those chapters or states who cannot hold their elections under the normal regulations.*

*If you can and are planning to hold your elections (state or chapter) in the normal manner, or have already held your election, you may ignore this notice. If you are experiencing postponements or cancellations, please read the following:*

**State Elections:**

*For the foreseeable future, Letters of Intent for AVVA state elections that have not yet been held and will not be held until on or after June 30<sup>th</sup> will be accepted until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. (Or 45 days before your election date whichever comes **first**)*

*If the deadline for Letters of Intent passes and there is not more than one (1) candidate for any individual position in your state, the election will be declared settled by \*acclamation, by agreement of the current state representative or president and the election chair (or person overseeing the election). **NOTE:** If there is no current state representative then the person running the election will partner with another AVVA or VVA member to validate the declaration. The subsequent election results form will be signed by both parties.*

*(\*Acclamation: (of election) by virtue of being the sole candidate.)*

*If the deadline for Letters of Intent passes and there is more than one candidate for any individual position in your state, there are two (2) options:*

- a. *You may reschedule your election meeting for another date, no later than Sept 30, 2020, and follow normal deadline regulations for paperwork at that time. **OR***
- b. *You may elect to hold an online meeting with programs such as Zoom, or you may request to hold an online meeting using Go-To-Meeting by sending your request to the National Vice-President, Kaye Gardner ([kayegardner@aol.com](mailto:kayegardner@aol.com)). She will assign a person to open the meeting for you and provide instructions on the use of this program. After such meeting the usual election result form must be turned in to your regional director.*

*As usual, An Election result form will be filled out and sent to the Regional Director, who will verify the information and send the form to the national elections chair using the normal deadline requirements. The national election chair will then send all result forms to the national database manager for entry into the National Database. . **NOTE:** If you have no regional director, send your form to the national elections chair at: [nmontgomery@cox.net](mailto:nmontgomery@cox.net) .*

*Please know that your national executive board is acting in the best interest of our members, to the extent that we can manage this current situation. Everyone - spread the word to your fellow members, and stay safe!*

*Sincerely,*

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It is my understanding that Pat is the only person who submitted her Letter of Intent for the State AVVA Representative position so she has been elected by acclamation.

Hopefully we'll be able to have our September meeting as scheduled, but if not, I'll let you know. Be safe, be smart, be well.

Upcoming Events:

September 19, 2020 (currently still scheduled):

Wisconsin State Council quarterly meeting; Ramada Inn, Waupaca

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 instead? 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 please leave your phone number so I can contact you). If you have any suggestions on what (or how much) information to include in the newsletter, please let me know. Thank you!



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