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Convention Registration form:

Whether you want to register online using pay pal or mail in your registration click on this link ([click here](#)) and fill out the form completely. Print the form out if mailing into HQ and include with your payment. This form will be available in the convention section of the AVA website, under the blog area and on our official Facebook page. This site has been tested, but if you have any problems email avawebmaster@ava.org.

New addition to National Headquarters staff:

Please welcome Jessica Blazejewski, a native of Niagara Falls, NY, to the American Volkssport Association's National Headquarters staff. She came to us as an intern from Northeast Lakeview College and is currently working on her Associates Degree in Liberal Arts. She is an inducted member of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Jessica will be working part time as the Communications Specialist for AVA, email avawebmaster@ava.org. Her duties will include maintaining the AVA website, and assisting the Executive Director with social media outlets. Please note Jessica is not a programmer, programming to the website or database is handled by outside sources as it always has been. If you have a suggested change to the website please contact Frank Sayers the IT Chairman at rm_rd@ava.org.

Message from the AVA President:

In accordance to Section 4.2 of the Bylaws, Dennis Michele is calling a Special Membership Meeting to resolve the AVA's entering or staying out of IVV Americas. The last convention was filled with rancor over this issue and resulted in a no decision. Furthermore, many clubs expressed concern that their proxy would no vote the way they wanted. Unfortunately, this does happen. The method outlined in TAW will resolve the issue and give every club a chance to vote without having to attend a convention or assigning a proxy. The notice will also appear in the next Two Checkpoints. Dennis Michele plans on having the final tally.

Biennial Publicity Contest:

It's time once again to start considering entries for the AVA Biennial Publicity Contest! The requirements for the AVA Publicity contest are under development and they will be sent out to everyone via email at a later time. Contest rules and entry submission forms will be posted soon to the AVA website, Facebook, and the Checkpoint.

Preparation for Necrology:

In preparation for the Necrology reading at the Convention in June, Headquarters is seeking information regarding Volkssporters who have left us over the last two years. Please forward the requested information to karen@ava.org. Attached are names that have been sent to Headquarters at this time. ([click here](#))

Secretary and Treasurer candidates deadline:

There were no candidates for the positions of Secretary, or Treasurer. As such, for only these two officer positions, the Nominating Committee will still accept from those interested, a "Letter of Intent", and a "Nominating Package". In the Dec/Jan issue of TAW, on p.4 under "Election Guidelines for NEC XIX Officer Candidates", these two items are explained; disregard those deadline dates.

In addition to accepting written material candidates, Committee members will continue to request individuals to become candidates, but this extended enrollment period will end on Feb 15 so the latest information about candidates can be in the Apr/May issue of TAW. At the convention, nominations from the floor will also be accepted for these two positions, as well.

For additional information, contact one of the Committee members:

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Sam Korff	- Clatskanie, OR	korff.sam@wildblue.net
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Friendly reminder from HQ Awards and Membership Coordinator:

Karen would like to ask clubs for their help. If you see walkers with 10, 30, and 50 event books, ask them if they understand how the AVA programs work. Show the walkers the back side of event books. The back of the books tell what color book is needed for Awards levels. Do not cut up insert cards and paste into event books. Handwritten entries are also not allowed. Most of the distance books are printed with 10k walks in mind. If walkers can only do 5k's, let them know to use insert cards to reach the 500k that is needed. Remind walkers that Karen cannot process insert cards without a book. If there are carryovers and the amount is more than the next level book, \$6 needs to be sent to Karen so she can supply a book to utilize the carryover.

Centurion Achievement Challenge for 2014:

Participants who completed their 2014 Centurion Achievement Challenge please remember to send your completed books to Karen at AVA Headquarters for processing.

From HQ Awards Processing:

The Charts for [AVA Processing](#) are included as attachments.

From HQ Events Coordinator:

Information on those who have past due quarterly reports will be sent to the Regional Directors.

Thank you for your support:

The NEC going forward would like to recognize those who make a substantial donation to the AVA. Thank you for your generosity!

Holly Reiling
Phyllis Olson
Asheville Amblers
Michigan Pathfinders
Dogwood Trailblazers
Freestate Happy Wanderers Walking Club
Ruth Herman
Tucson Volkssport Klub

AVA Cafépress Store:

To order a unique T-shirt, ball cap or other items an account has been set up with Cafépress. You place your order directly and pay directly via Cafépress not through AVA HQ. Check it out. ([Click here for Cafépress](#)) ([Click here for store help](#))

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