

Region III Director's Newsletter



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Dear Region III Members:

What a wonderful, superb, fantastic and education convention our members attended this year in San Antonio! The San Antonio Club did an outstanding job hosting everyone this year. I want to say a big Thank You to them from all of us in Region III. Before I give an update regarding the business that was handled at convention, I want to first say Congratulations and wish the best to our 2018 Association Officers and the 2018 Region Director Elects. May you all have great success throughout 2018. Your 2018 Officers are as follows:

Christina Forth—President (Edmonton Club)
Terry Ligon—President Elect (Graham Club)
Keith Atkins—Vice President (El Dorado Club)
Evelyn Green—Secretary (San Antonio Club)
Wendy Sparks—Treasurer (Oklahoma City Club)

Also, at the Business Meeting we were provided with the next three Convention dates and locations. Be sure to mark these on your calendars and make plans to attend. They are: Sept. 19th through the 22nd, 2018 at the Double Tree in Evansville, IN—Sept. 18th through the 21st, 2019 at the Marriott in Kansas City, MO—and Sept. 16th through the 20th, 2020 at the Sheraton Pittsburg Station Square Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA.

Now onto the business that was handled at Convention.

Amendment No. 1 did not pass.

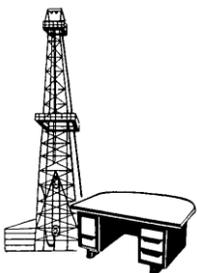
Amendment No. 2 was withdrawn due to this amendment causing major problems for our Canadian Clubs.

Amendment No. 3 was amended to a \$10.00 a year increase in membership dues instead of the proposed \$20.00 a year increase in membership dues. The \$10.00 a year increase for membership dues passed. Effective next year everyone's Association membership dues will be increased by \$10.00.

Amendment No. 4 was passed. Effective next year there will no longer be a DDJ. However, we will continue to have the Insight which may contain information that would have been placed in the DDJ.

Amendment No. 5 did not pass due to requiring a 2/3 majority vote.

Proposed Standing Rules Amendment No. 1 was passed. Beginning in 2018, the Club Presidents will still make request for items through their Region Directors. However, the Region Directors will now only need to seek permission for these items from the



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Immediate Past President instead of the whole Board of Directors, which should help save time for everyone.

There were two items requiring the Delegates to vote on that would be handled by mail ballots. These items included whether to remove the position of Vice President from the Board of Directors and the Proposed Realignment, which would reduce our regions from seven to four. The majority of the Delegates decided they would handle both of these items by a mail ballot. The special committee that was made up of various members from each of the regions, did an outstanding job on coming up with and presenting their realignment proposal. Due to their extensive and in depth research, time did not allow them to have their proposal sent to everyone within the 60 day time frame in order for the delegates to be able to vote on this at Convention. By approving the mail vote, this will allow each Delegate to take the realignment information back to their clubs so that all members will have ample time to discuss their views in regards to this proposal.

This is a big decision for all members of our Association. However, I want to encourage each of you to look at what is best for our Association as a whole and not what is good for just one club or for just one region. There are two regions in our Association that is in desperate need of our help because they are hosting a Region Meeting once every three years, as well as, other challenges. Change is always difficult and usually requires all those involved to make sacrifices in some way. However, maybe a positive way to look at the realignment proposal is the new educational seminars and field trip possibilities that would be offered, as well as, getting to know more of other members within our Association. I just want to encourage each member to really consider ALL sides and ALL members of our Association before making a quick no decision regarding the realignment proposal.

The last business item is the position of the ADO Manager and the Webmaster position has been combined into one position instead of two. Wayne Ammons, our Webmaster, will be taking over the duties of the ADO Manager, while also continuing his Webmaster duties. I want to thank Mark for all of his hard work and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

As this year is rapidly coming to an end, this year's Board still has a lot of work to get completed before the year is finished. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to serve You-the members of Region III.

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!!

2017 Region III Motto: Open Hands: Receive by Giving

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