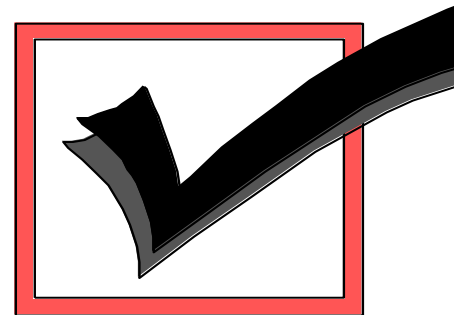


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## National Executive Council Meeting

The next meeting of the NEC will be held during President's Day Weekend on February 18 – 19, 2011 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama (Floribama).

## Trail Marking Signs by Candace Purcell

Trail marking signs that a club has in their possession must cover the *New Balance* (NB) logo by December 31 per an agreement that AVA has with *New Balance*. Headquarters purchased blank sheet labels and have pre printed the new AVA tag line on each sheet (7 labels per sheet). If you are interested in purchasing these to cover the New Balance logo on your signs, the cost is \$2.00 per sheet. Send an email to [kevin@ava.org](mailto:kevin@ava.org) with the number of sheets needed, your name, club name and mailing address. Your club will be invoiced.

## Nominating Committee by Ed Tod Nominating Chair

Anyone interested in running for National Office or to nominate someone, contact Ed Tod, 1215 Cannonade Court, Florissant, MO 63034 or (314)-838-7359 or [edtod@msn.com](mailto:edtod@msn.com).

## TAW Deadline by Linda Rebmann

The deadline for the February/March 2011 issue of *The American Wanderer* is December 25. All articles and photographs should be submitted directly to *The American Wanderer*, Laurel Parrott, Editor, 3526 Humboldt Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55412, email [taw@bhi.com](mailto:taw@bhi.com). Be sure to include "TAW" in the subject line of the email. Please send Advertising Agreements and Advertising Copy to Linda Rebmann [linda@ava.org](mailto:linda@ava.org) or 1001 Pat Booker Rd, Suite 101, Universal City, TX 78148 prior to December 23 due to holiday closing December 24.

## 2011 Certificate of Liability Insurance Form Acord 25 S by Candy Purcell

We are awaiting the arrival of the *2011 Certificate of Liability Insurance Form*. A copy will be posted to our website under *Publications-Forms* link, *AVA Clubs Forms* web page by January 2, 2011.

## Starting Point Books and Changes by Linda Rebmann

Clubs are beginning to receive their 10 books or more that were shipped direct from the distributor. As soon as Headquarters receives their shipment to use for processing orders, our entire office will begin shipping immediately.

Please remember that when you announce a Starting Point Change or Event Closing, please send a short email to [linda@ava.org](mailto:linda@ava.org) and include the YRE#, City, State and what the change is. Also, don't forget to update the Club Event Details with the information that you are changing. All participants of your event will "thank you".

## Convention Volunteers by Susan Pinneke

Anyone wanting to volunteer to work at the convention please visit our website <http://www.ava.org/clubs/ava2011convention/index.asp>. Volunteer sign up is available on line (coming January 2011), as well as the traditional methods of mail or phone. All volunteers will get a cow print t-shirt to wear. This will be a unique shirt only available to volunteers.

## A Big Shout Out for Silent Auction Donations by Susan Pinneke

The 2011 AVA convention is just around the corner. It is definitely not too early to think about making a donation to the convention's silent auction. In past years the silent auction has featured a variety of goods and services. Some examples of past donations include jewelry, quilts, handmade items, and gift baskets of local specialties, art work, children's books & toys, walking related items, gift certificates for a variety of products, meals and get aways. The silent auction is our association's biggest fundraising opportunity and the funds raised go to support national volkssporting. We all benefit from the funds raised during this event. Be creative, but remember these items will need to be transported home from the convention. You might ask local businesses, who are often glad to help. Get your

