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Call for Agenda items for Next NEC Meeting: June 13-15, Plainfield, IN

Following are dates of importance concerning the next NEC meeting set for Friday and Saturday, **June 13-15, 2014**. Meeting begins Friday at 7 p.m. at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, 2251 Manchester Drive, Plainfield, IN 46168, phone 317-279-2650.

Upcoming deadlines—**May 14, 2014**: official agenda items approved by the AVA President go out to clubs. **May 14, 2014**: officer reports and committee reports should be sent to ssinclair@ava.org **May 23, 2014**: NEC meeting information will be emailed to each board member for review.

Pathway to Excellence

The Pathway to Excellence program is the new, entirely voluntary, performance assessment and communication program for AVA Clubs. The complete packet of information is available for download http://www2.ava.org/Pathway_to_Excellence.php

AVA Bylaws Amendment Form

[Click here](#) to view the form for use by club members in requesting an amendment to the AVA Bylaws. After the amendment proposal screening process is completed by the Bylaws Committee and the NEC, those that are recommended for approval will be voted on at the General Membership meeting during the 2015 AVA Biennial Convention.

IVV World Walking Day—Thursday May 8, 2014

AVAHQ wishes all volkssporters a very happy World Walking Week. If your Club would like to share photos for possible inclusion on the AVA website or other communication outlets, please email high-res files to avawebmaster@ava.org.

LIMITED SUPPLY AVAILABLE-National Physical Fitness & Sports Month—May 2014

May is National Physical Fitness & Sports Month. A LIMITED SUPPLY of 2014 patches are still available for order for \$2.50 each to Clubs. Please click here to access the [2014 NPFSM patch Club Order Form](#). Please note, Clubs may also order remaining supplies of the 2012 and 2013 NPFSM patches for use as B awards at the discounted price of \$1.50 each on the order form linked above. Orders filled on first come, first served basis.

TAW Deadline

June 25 is the article/photo submission deadline for the August/September issue. All articles to include Tails on Trails and photographs should be submitted to taw@ava.org. Please include the following information in your email Subject Line: "TAW, the region you're covering, and the article title."

Recognition Awards Committee

“Imagine what miracles we can achieve by giving people honest appreciation”... Dale Carnegie

It is time to start thinking about those people who deserve to be nominated for recognition awards. When you are honoring a fellow volunteer worker, you are letting them know just how much you appreciate them, and how much their work means to you, their club, and our national organization.

Send your nominations to your regional director, with the exception of the President's Award, which should be sent directly to the AVA President. The nomination guide on how to complete the forms can be found on the AVA web site under: [Administrative - General Administration - Publications/Policies - AVA Recognition Awards](#). Please use one form for each person nominated. Be thorough, the award is based on what you have written on the form. The more detailed information you can give will help the committee review each nomination.

The following forms are to be used:

[Form 302](#) Hall of Fame, Distinguished Achievement, Trailblazer, and Ted Ballman Memorial Youth Award.

[Form 303](#) Certificate of Service, Meritorious Service, and Certificate of Appreciation.

These forms are to be sent to your regional director.

[Form 303 PA](#) President's Award. This form is to be sent directly to the AVA President. Dennis Michele, 27 Cane Creek Circle, Fairview, NC President@AVA.Org

AVA.org Website Update & ESR Changes

As many of you experienced when attempting to submit Quarter 1 participation reports, the AVA.org website was not functioning. The system went down due to an attack on the service provider who hosts the website. We apologize for this inconvenience and have since migrated the site to a new hosting provider. The site migration has caused some additional temporary hiccups as files have been syncing and additional maintenance performed. All links have been set with redirects that should populate within 48 hours; however, we have been informed that older operating systems might not automatically update saved links (e.g. to ESR page). If you are still receiving error messages in the next few days, and run a Windows machine, these instructions will allow you to manually refresh DNS settings.

Refresh DNS settings by pressing and holding the Windows-Key, then pressing the R key before releasing both keys. This will open the Run window.

In the run window type: ipconfig /flushdns (there is a space between the first word and the slash) and then click OK to run the command.

Reminder—Clubs should update Club and event (traditional, seasonal, and YRE event) changes through the Club Maintenance ESR system, which then automatically populates the changes into the website event listings. If you encounter problems making changes contact your Regional Director first who will then determine if headquarters needs to be contacted for further action. Event listing changes include any updates that need to be made for basic facts such as event date/time, location, and start point info.

After a change is completed, please email Marie Bebley at events@ava.org. Marie then updates the events records and communicates that the changes need to be added to the Start Point Changes web page which serves as a compilation of all the 2014 updates that have been made through the ESR system.

AVA Awards

Click to view the charts for [AVA Award Processing](#) and [Ten Events](#) comparison.

Items Due Report

Any club that had not been able to log in because the system was down will not be charged a late fee. All Clubs who were unable to submit participation reports need to contact Marie at events@ava.org to submit their participation information as the window has closed for club entry online. Clubs that tried to log in when the system was down and up through Monday, May 5 midnight will not be charged a late fee. Those Clubs who have already reported technical difficulties to Marie have not been included on [this list](#).

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