

## Membership Committee Report

April 2019

As Chair for the membership committee I have been working on assuring that those members who applied for lifetime membership but have a status of **pending** on the rosters are being updated to lifetime or contacted personally to verify age.

Several VVA chapters have contacted me, and the Membership Department, wondering why AVVA is not lowering the membership costs for regular members. I have explained that AVVA income comes exclusively from memberships. As we build funds by being a 501c3 the dues may be adjusted, but that must wait until future times.

Each region director needs to encourage their states and chapters to incorporate. As VVA chapters begin to deal with waning membership and attendance, any decision to close means that all AVVA associates of that chapter will be transferred to At-Large status. Any AVVA group with a line item of money with the VVA chapter will lose access to that money if the chapter closes. VVA cannot legally give that money to the AVVA members unless they are incorporated. We need to be prepared for our future.

Respectfully,

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