

# Region II Report

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The months between April and July always seemed to me to be the busiest with elections and the conference; sending reminders to the chapters and states that elections must be held this year to be eligible for the 2017 National Convention. Nothing is ever complete until the paperwork is done and entered into the AVVA database. A special thank you to Susie Meeks for her assistance and tireless effort to keep the database updated.

My next job will be to contact the newly elected New York State Council President to introduce myself and see what assistance I can be. Unfortunately New Jersey was unable to find a State Representative so Margaret Wojciechowicz will be the New York State POC. Margaret has been a lifesaver and of great assistance to me.

## **Committees:**

Government Affairs: I was asked by Sharon Hodge to be a member of the government affairs committee which I accepted.

Incorporation Committee: I was also asked by Bobbie Morris to join the incorporation committee which I accepted.

Policy and Procedure Committee: I have worked with Joanna on several policy changes and also the incorporation committee.

Bylaws committee: there is not much work to be done on the bylaws committee at this time however some review and discussion has occurred.

Strategic planning committee chair; always reviewing the strategic plan and looking forward to hearing from those communities that have achieved goals.

Project Friendship; serving as chair I have contacted At Espiranza En Escalante (veterans homeless shelter in Tucson Arizona) to make arrangements for our Tucson visit to their facility and for their appearance during our closing ceremony on Saturday. Posters were designed for the website and distribution detailing the 2016 project friendship. (A special thank you to Sandy Miller).

Miscellaneous actions; online meetings, emails, phone calls and other expected duties. Also preparing the VISTA, Fellowship and Member of the Year certificates for presentation at the 2017 conference. Also volunteering to Mandy office and product sales table during the conference.