

I have been Region 1 Director for a very short 2 years. During that time, I was part of the committee to purchase the gift for the AVVA luncheon, held in Palm Springs, CA, which was the Leadership conference. The gift was a green flashlight with the AVVA logo. It was very well received. Also, at that conference, I was able to work with Kathy Andras and Susan Henthorn selling Product Sales. I loved the experience, which was quite successful. I was also able to fill in some time in the office.

I have been the Co-chair of the National Disciplinary Committee, with National Secretary, Nina Schloffel. That committee had a case, which is still ongoing. Along with Nina's assistance, I had the opportunity to handle the communications of the case, and deal with a very difficult AVVA member. It was quite a challenge.

I sent out a mass mailing to all members of Region 1 for whom I had their emails.

I received not even a note back. I was hoping to rejuvenate that Region.

However, I have reported that I will not run again as Region 1 Director, since I have moved out of the Region. A Delegate from Rhode Island is going to run in the election at the Convention in Spokane. I will be running as a Delegate from CT at that Convention. I hope that the new Director will be supported by the members of Region 1. I know that I will do all that I can to support her and help her try to improve Region 1.

It has been an honor and a privilege to be on the Board of Directors for AVVA.

I have been working with Don Jones to revise the Convention Rules for 2019. They have been submitted for approval, and have been sent to Secretary Nina. Don and I will read them at Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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