

August 24 and 25 Region VI Conference in Altoona, Iowa I attended each presentation on both days, My presentation was on Saturday. The attendance was around 60 with about 10 being AVVA members.

I started by asking how many thought they knew AVVA. A few hands went up.

I used heavy poster board to write out the flow chart and show how communication is one of the most important things we do. I also explained the voting for each level.

The second chart named all the Committees, sub committees and Programs that AVVA had and were active. I explained some of them like the condolence committee and the Paper Safe, etc.,

The third chart was of all the VVA Committees that AVVA has representation on. AVVA has equal representation and I made a point that we all work together and AVVA can present and vote.

I then asked if anyone had learned something about AVVA that they didn't know. Many hands went up and there were a few questions.

I told them that a very important vote was coming up at the Convention and that everyone one should try to attend and vote.

I asked for a favor. AVVA is turning 20 and we only need a few new members to go over 10,000. Some of the VVA members asked if they joined would that count and I said yes. They said they would sign up. I asked how many VVA members were AVVA members too and over half of the attendees raised their hand. I thanked them for their support.

I received a lot of compliments during the few minutes after the meeting and additions from the floor that were interesting to attendees. During the lunch break and after the conference end, I received many compliments. Dr. Tom Berger and Dr. Tom Hall both complimented my presentation as well as Mike Dempsy and John Margowski that do the Town Hall Meetings.

I asked Diane Nicholson, Deputy Region VI to help me during my presentation

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Region VI is slowly gaining ground as far as the Chapter and State Reps go. Still having a few questions but as a rule doing great.

I'm looking forward to the October meeting when we will celebrate 40 years with VVA. Our 20 year is next year.

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