

Incorporation Report: October 2021

National and Subsidiaries Chapters and States is a 501c3.

- Updated the Incorporation Power point ready for all State and Chapter to use.
- Continuing to follow up with States and Chapters sending in their 990-N, Financial reports (to Charlie Corbin) and By Laws. (Filed) Thank you for your corporation!
- Held an Incorporation committee meeting on GoToMeetings to update Section II.
- With the work involved by Terry Rangel and Joanna Henshaw Chapter 574 and the State of Texas completed and a successful job well done.
- Currently we have 17 Inc. Chapters and 12 States.
- **“Congratulations”** to AVVA Chapter 9 of Michigan, who Completed the INC. Process. Penny Meinhardt, AVVA State President presented President Steve Aleo and chapter 9 members who received their Charter at a special meeting.
- I had the opportunity to talk with Nina Schloffel and Kelly Frederickson about holding an incorporation seminar, with California State Council and State Association members about understanding the importance for Chapters and States to become incorporated.
- Outstanding job!

Below you will find a quick sheet about “Need to know” for incorporating a chapters and states. I would like to mention that the Incorporation process is easy.

Please read, and with the future of AVVA we need encourage Incorporation to our States and Chapters.

Incorporating an AVVA Subsidiary

The AVVA Policy and Procedure Manual contains a section explaining everything you need to know about the **incorporation of AVVA states and chapters**. It is in our best interest as an organization, and in your best interest as state and chapter groups, to consider this step.

THE FIRST THING YOU NEED TO KNOW IS: Incorporating your chapter or state will give you the ability to solicit donations, and to raise your own funds. Once AVVA completes our conversion to a 501(C)3, which is currently in the works, your donors will also be able to claim donations as a deduction on their taxes.

THE SECOND THING YOU NEED TO KNOW IS: Incorporating your group will give you control over your own events and your own funds, even though you are certainly still welcome to work side-by-side with your VVA chapter on their activities, if that is what you have been doing, and wish to continue.

THE THIRD THING YOU NEED TO KNOW IS: States only need a total of 50 regular members within the state to incorporate, and chapters only need 10 regular members to incorporate.

AND FINALLY, YOU SHOULD KNOW that filing to incorporate as an ***independent chapter*** is exclusively when there is no corresponding VVA or AVVA in your immediate area, or if there is some mitigating circumstance that prevents your ability to incorporate with an existing chapter. If these conditions do not apply, you will be petitioning to incorporate with your current chapter number.

Incorporation of states and chapter in AVVA is **NOT** the same process as it is in VVA. Please refer to the **AVVA policy** to find out details. We welcome questions from VVA members as well, and anyone with questions may contact the National Incorporation Chair: Bobbie Morris **bobby514@comcast.net** for information and answers.

Everything you would need to know is in P&P MANUAL SECTION 2; INCORPORATED SUBSIDIARIES: STATE AND CHAPTER.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie Morris, Chair

Inc. Committee