

AVVA Region 9 Directors Report, October 9, 2025

This is my first Region 9 Directors report. I cannot make any promises as to how it will turn out, but I always strive to do my best. I can say, I will have a sense of humor no matter what.

At the 2025 AVVA New Orleans National Convention, I was sworn in as the Region 9 Director. My work began just a couple of days after I returned home. A chapter in Nevada called upon my assistance with a matter after their Chapter Representative stepped down suddenly. A POC was appointed not long after. Those AVVA chapter members are focused on rebuilding the positive impact they can bring to their community. I will be attending their AVVA meeting next week via Zoom to begin educating them on AVVA Bylaws and Policy & Procedures. We will also begin discussing the 2026 In-Person election process.

Since I was appointed as the Historian Committee Chair, I have enlisted in the Committee: Tony Gigli from Indiana, Bobbie Morris from Pennsylvania, and Terri Rangel from Texas.

The Disciplinary Committee for Region 9 is as follows: Nancy Briggs from Arizona, and Nina Schloffel from California. I have not had a third person respond as of yet, but I have asked a few Regular AVVA members.

Emails have been sent to the few AVVA State Presidents in Region 9. There are three, including myself. And, yes, I did send myself that email because I Blind copied everyone and sent it to myself. The POC's (two of them) also received emails from me, but one was returned, and I could not find the correct email address for her. Maybe a trip to Hawaii is due soon.

I also sent emails to every VVA State Council President introducing myself as the new AVVA Region 9 Director. The VVA President from the Philippines, Guam, and the two Chapters in Hawaii also received emails from me. My intentions are to establish a line of communication and create more members/chapters for AVVA while also educating all VVA and AVVA members who have not learned what our organization is really about.

With my knowledge of technology, I feel that my intentions are within reach and doable. Zoom is a great resource for areas where travelling is not easy.

“...If not now, when”

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