

**Ohio Association Presidents Report
Annual Meeting 2012
Dayton Beach, Florida**

The Association Committee committed to making our Associations better by what we can do for them and what they can do for themselves.

1. Enhance the Association Committee Web Page by adding regional news updates and more about the associations.
2. Sanctions Taskforce gave their report.
3. Communications
4. Online Club Memberships
5. Accreditation Taskforce Report

Although I am both the President of the Ohio Association I am also the re-elected Chair of the Association Committee. Wearing two hats is sometimes good and other times challenging.

Association Committee Web Page: We continue to enhance the Association Web page with not only our committee minutes but additionally adding newsletters and minutes from the Regional Meetings held during the workshop and annual meeting.. The goal going forward is to post news articles from each of the regions so that we are all in the know. We also need to post our committee operating procedures. It is important that all areas of the country stay informed as to what their committee is doing.

Ohio will soon be taking advantage of the new Deliva email system that was given to each association free of charge. We have asked our VP, Randy Hopkins to be part of our location communications network. He will be sending out news blasts, reminders on upcoming events and other information for the good of the association.

Our new National VC of Workshops is a Jim McKee. I think he will do an outstanding job and provide all the associations with new information and availability to information.

Sanctions Taskforce: Marlene Atwood, Steve Vaitones and Pam Fales continued to work hard this year to continue discussions and revise proposals that could be presented to the associations. We continued to meet during the 2011 Annual Meeting and presented a consistent view for the associations at the 2012 Workshop. The final decision was to continue with the sanctions going on line but with the current fee structure that each association has. We also plan a roll out of the online system with web sessions to allow for questions and understanding of reports.

Club Online Membership: We all agreed that this was a long time coming and from the reaction of the membership chairs it is an overwhelming success. I think the rollout could have been controlled better and I made my point to several national office members. I think in the beginning many struggled but at this time the only comments I am getting is "thank you". The clubs need to be responsible for their membership and can be done online.

Communications: The National Office in conjunction with Jim McKee our Communications Chair has helped many of our associations during 2012 build a better web site. Scott Rose has taken on our Ohio web site and if you haven't used it, you need to. Scott is giving us a wealth of knowledge and updated information. He encourages you to provide him with information and if you have a club, send him a profile of your club and let us advertise for you.

Although the web site has a monthly charge for the association, we feel that many have taken the opportunity to upgrade their web sites and have found the new process easy to use and update.

Accreditation Taskforce for Review of Standards: For the past year Organizational Services and the Association Committee have teamed up to review the accreditation standards currently in place. The taskforce has worked long hours this past year to discuss and review each standard and why we have it. In 2012 are they still relevant and what can be done to improve the process. Again looking for consistency and improved policies for the future. The task force gave their reports to both committees at the annual meeting and both committees approved the new 10 point standards. That report went to the Board of Directors on Sunday, December 2nd for their approval. I received information that the board approved the recommendations. We will be soon communicating with all the associations and posting the new standards on the Ohio website.

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