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Dear West Region Members:

With half the year gone, it feels like time flies away twice as fast as the calendar says it does. Mid-year may be a good time to take a step back and evaluate what your Club has accomplished so far and your goals for the remainder of the year. My own Club is in the trenches now planning our annual golf tournament and organizing our Industry Appreciation Dinner. I'm sure your Club has similar activities going on and maybe you are one of the support crew already, but if not, perhaps you can take a hard look at your schedule to see if you can lend a helping hand too. It seems that often there are many small cogs making up the machines that run these activities. You can make a real difference by taking charge of just one small cog, be it updating a mailing list, spreading the word in your social circles about fund raisers and meeting speakers, or just helping transport supplies to an event. Everyone appreciates a helping hand, especially when they don't even feel like they have the time to ask for help!

In Association news, an idea has been presented for an additional proposed bylaw amendment that would eliminate Regions and introduce a new board position of Club Liaison to replace the four Region Directors. Because this amendment wasn't thought of and submitted before the deadline of March 1st in order to be voted on at Convention, the Bylaws of the Association allow for a mail in vote after Convention. The full proposed amendment will be presented and discussed during Open Forum at Convention, so you will have the opportunity to present your views on the subject to the other members of the Association. However, I encourage you to begin now to discuss your views amongst your Club members and especially with your Club's Delegate and Alternate, so that they can be as informed as possible on your Club members' positions and may represent you to the best of their ability. There are not many months, and therefore monthly meeting opportunities, between now and Convention, to have these good conversations.

Please keep in mind that we have several options on the plate for changing the nature of the Association this year. In summary:

- Changing the terms of Board Officers to two years.
- Alternating Region meetings and Convention yearly with virtual business meetings for the Association on off-years for Convention. This proposal leans on the support of two-year Officer terms.
- Increase Association dues from \$55 to \$70 US.
- Updating the language of the Certification Committee to include the "Energy Technician" track currently offered.
- Eliminate the language requiring that Region meetings be held in person unless there is an extreme emergency.

- New: Eliminate Regions, therefore eliminating Region Director Board positions, and introducing a Club Liaison position to represent all the Association Clubs on the Board.

We obviously don't want to vote in the first two amendments, only to turn around a couple of months later and vote in the last, new one. Implementation of any of these amendments will take time and effort that we do not want to misspend if avoidable. So again, I encourage you visit amongst your Club members, and we will have several West Region President calls between now and Convention so that we can get the pulse of the members' feelings on these subjects. It is in our favor as the largest Region with the most voting Clubs to present a united front during Open Forum with valid reasoning and evidence in support of our decisions.

Registration for Convention is underway. The packet may be found on the website (ADDC.org) under the "Convention" tab, hover over "2024 Convention" and select "Registration Packet". Val Williams and her team have worked very hard to bring this event together and it promises to be a wonderful and educational event. It is VERY, VERY helpful to her team if you can register earlier rather than later, so don't be shy. I sincerely hope that we can have a delegate from each of our West Region Clubs at Convention. As you may already know, your Club delegate does not have to be your Club President, so early planning and perhaps in Club financial support may help ensure that your Club is represented at Convention.

Hope you all enjoy a fantastic Independence Day and the many delights of summer!

Many Thanks,
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