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Dear West Region Members:

Convention is the focus of September and this year's proposed amendments have the potential to make significant changes to the operation of the Association. Please make sure your Club Delegates and Alternates know how you feel about each of the issues at hand so that they can make informed decisions on how to vote on behalf of your Club.

As a reminder, summaries of the proposed amendments are as follows:

- 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.

While Convention is important and takes up significant time for the members who attend, please be mindful of those not making the trip this month. If you can squeeze in a meeting or social activity, how great would that be? So much of the value of membership is found at the Club level of the organization that it would be a disservice to let potential Club activities pass by because of the hubbub of the Convention.

I hope each of you know how valuable you are to your Club and that the goal of the organization is to provide opportunities for you grow, learn, and build relationships. If there is something leadership at any level can do to help make those things possible, let us know! If you have a great idea to improve those opportunities for others, please let us know! Leadership is a group of volunteers with every facet of daily life pressures affecting each of us, so we ALWAYS welcome helping hands and creative brains to collectively make our organization the best it can be.

Many Thanks,
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