

Registrar's Report

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Updates, Statistics and Elections

Updated District officer and committee chair rosters were sent to all DCM's, their alternates and the District secretaries within the last week or so. Please let me know if there are any DCM's that didn't receive them. As is normally the case after such emails, I have received several updates which have all been entered. As of today (Friday), the Registrar's Inbox is empty!

FNV shows our Area currently has

- 1074 active groups
- 1 – New Group (Cameron's Comrades – D11)
- 3 - Pending Active (D42 – D64 – D70)
- 0 - Pending Inactive (pending deactivation)
- 262 – Unknown groups

“Unknown” means the group still meets but has no Primary Contact or GSR information in FNV. These are the most sought after updates so if your district reports showed unknown groups please contact or visit these groups and see if we can get a contact established. Many unknown groups are surprised to hear of their status once they learn of it! Incidentally, there are currently **TWO** districts without any unknown groups!!

Doing the math, AREA 20 now has an unknown group percentage of almost 20%, up a bit from 16% at this time last year. As we don't have a great deal more active groups than we did a year ago, the only conclusion is that we have more groups without GSR's than we did last year.

FNV also has information on an additional 842 groups that are classified as Inactive (or KNOWN to NOT meet anymore). Historically, these inactive groups have been included with the information that is sent out to districts each quarter however most districts have indicated that they no longer wish to see these groups in their reports so they've been omitted in all the district reports that I've sent out over the past 9 months.

Additionally FNV indicates we have 37 inactive addresses (of over 1374) meaning those addresses failed the automated address verification program. This coincides with the amount of Concepts returns and continual updates after Concept mailings has allowed this number to decrease. 37 of 1374 is only 2.6%, down from 3% last year. The last concepts only had 29 returns, consistent with the norm.

I will not be able to enter the newly elected Area members today because that would replace the addresses of the current position holders which would make it impossible for GSO to contact them. Therefore all election results from today (with the exception of Panel 66 elections) will be entered after Jan 1, 2018 (by the NEW registrar)!!!!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the DCM's and district secretaries who keep me well informed. You know who you are and I appreciate the effort and it's been great getting to know you along the way.

Fellowship New Vision database

Fellowship New Vision database (FNV) was developed by the General Service Office and released for use by the areas in May, 2007. FNV is a web based tool and because of that, updates are immediate. FNV also provides each area, via their Area Registrar, access to update certain area information directly into the database. Because FNV is an online-real time database, what is entered by either the areas or the GSO Records department is available for immediate use.

GSRs can update group information by working with their DCM or district secretary or by completing a group information change form which they can find online at <http://www.aa-nia.org/forms.html>.

Group information includes group name, group number, area, district, history dates, meeting locations and times, and complete group contact information. *District information*, on the other hand, includes district service positions and contact information for those elected to those positions and *Area information* is similar to district information but at the area-level.

This information is the key to communication throughout the A.A. general service structure. GSO uses group information to send information kits to new GSRs, copies of *Box 459*, the GSO quarterly newsletter, and GSO quarterly reports. Similarly, the area uses the information to send to the group *Concepts*, the NIA newsletter, and area assembly meeting minutes. This information is also used by GSO to send information kits to District and Area-level committee chairs to help orient them to their service positions and by Area service committee chairs to communicate with their district counterparts.

Respectfully Submitted: Chris D.