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The Next NEC meeting is January 30-31, 2015

The next NEC meeting will be held in Sacramento, California, at the Downtown LaQuinta, 200 Jibboom St. Phone number is (916) 448-8100. Meeting will start January 30 at 7:00 pm.

NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR AVA PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT. SEARCH CONTINUES FOR SECRETARY AND FOR TREASURER CANDIDATES:

The Nominating Committee announces candidates for AVA President, and for Vice President to serve for a two-year term, 2015-2017. Two are seeking the position of President: Chris Mellen from the Northeast Region; and Dennis Michele from the Southeast Region. There is only one person who has applied for the office of Vice President, Holly Pelking of the Pacific Region. At the convention, nominations for these two offices will be accepted from the floor. The current three candidates' narratives and photos will be found in the Feb/Mar issue of TAW.

Interestingly, there were no candidates for the positions of Secretary, or Treasurer. As such, for only these two officer positions, the Committee will still accept from those interested, a "Letter of Intent", and a "Nominating Package". In the Dec/Jan issue of TAW, on p.4 under "Election Guidelines for NEC XIX Officer Candidates", these two items are explained; disregard those deadline dates.

In addition to accepting written material candidates, Committee members will continue to request individuals to become candidates, but this extended enrollment period will end on Feb 15 so the latest information about candidates can be in the Apr/May issue of TAW. At the convention, nominations from the floor will also be accepted for these two positions, as well.

For additional information, contact one of the Committee members:

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Clubs Agenda Items:

Jan 2: Final list of Agenda Items received from the Clubs sent to AVA.

Officer's Reports and Committee reports: [Click here for Officer Report Form](#)
[Click here for Committee Report Form](#)

Please complete as soon as possible.

Jan 2: Officer's & Committee Reports due at AVA National Headquarters.

Jan 8: Meeting data information package e-mailed to NEC members.

Special Programs ending 12/31/14:

America's Bakeries, Celebrating Golden Cinemas, Classic American Diners, Strolling Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Struttin' Down Main Street, Work Projects Administration, Walking Americas Murals. Participants have 1 year from the end date to complete and send the books to the clubs that hosted the special program for processing of the awards. Please do not send the completed books to AVA Headquarters.

Centurion Changes:

For October 2014 the NEC made a decision to reduce the cost of the 2015 Centurion Challenge. The reduced price is \$15.00. If you ordered a 2015 Centurion in 2014 your account was credited \$10.00. The first book purchased each calendar year is \$15.00, and any additional books purchased the same year are \$10.00 each.

Friendly reminder from HQ Events Coordinator:

2014 Seasonal and YRE final report deadline is 1/30/15

- Seasonals ended in October and November, please forward all reports to Marie at events@ava.org or call 210-659-2112. Please note there is a \$10.00 late fee for each late report submitted after the deadline.

Event stamps for **CLOSED** Seasonal and YRE are to be returned to the headquarters, deadline is 1/30/15.

- Please note the \$10.00 late fee per stamp received after the deadline.

Thank you Michigan Pathfinders:

AVA received a donation from the Michigan Pathfinders to pay for 4 digit year slugs for the traditional events in 2015. The slugs have been received and Marie will get them out as soon as possible.

AVA Caf press Store:

To order a unique T-shirt, ball cap or other items an account has been set up with Caf press. You place order directly and pay directly via Caf press not through AVA HQ. Check it out.

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