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**TO ALL THAT CAME OUT TO SUPPORT THE AVA AT
THE 22ND BIENNIAL CONVENTION- THANK YOU!**

Giuseppe Colantonio, IVV President addresses
the AVA Membership.



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CEO REPORT - HENRY ROSALES

ANOTHER GREAT CONVENTION!

Thanks to the support of AVA members and supporters, the convention was a huge success! Workshops that were recorded will be on the AVA website under the "clubs only/training videos" tab. A full report will follow in the August Checkpoint. Special thanks to Jerry and Pam Wilson, the Dairyland Walkers, and all volunteers and donors for your support!

BOARD ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

Congratulations to the incoming National Officers, Board of Directors, and Deputy Directors! The board orientation and training will be July 22-24, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas. Deputy Directors have also been invited to attend this year. For more information, please contact henry@ava.org.

Board Orientation Host Hotel

Courtyard by Marriott
San Antonio Downtown/Market Square
600 Santa Rosa South
San Antonio, Texas 78204
(210) 229-9449

AVA PROGRAMS MONTHLY WEBINARS

There will be no monthly webinar in July. The webinars will resume Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 7:00p.m. Central. Details on the next webinar will be in the August Checkpoint.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE- TOM JACKSON

NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS

The following were elected at the AVA Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, as the new National Officers for the period of July 3, 2021 to June 30, 2023:

Chair
Nancy Wittenberg



Puyallup, WA

Vice Chair
Susan Medlin



San Antonio, TX

Secretary
Cecilia Miner



Woodbridge, VA

Finance Chair
Ed McCabe



Dripping Springs, TX

I would like to thank them for agreeing to serve AVA and wish them the best of success over the next two years.





IT SPECIALIST - HECTOR HERNANDEZ

NEW! FREE BANNERS FOR CLUBS WITH THE NEW AVA LOGO!

Thank you for picking up your new feather banner at the 22nd AVA Convention. For those of you who still haven't ordered a banner there is still time.

If your club would like a free banner, email an image of either your club logo or your club name to Hector@ava.org

2022 RENEWAL POSTPONED

The renewal process for the 2022 Year Round Events have been postponed until August 1, 2021 after the new RD and DRD training.



A Presidential Reunion - Dennis Michele and David Bonewitz, Ph.D.



Vice Chair, Nancy Wittenberg addresses the departing Board of Directors.

ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST - MARIAN DEVAUL

2ND QUARTER PARTICIPATION:

It's time once again to submit your 2nd Quarter Participation Reports.

Don't forget, the deadline is midnight on July 31st, and all reports submitted after this date are past due and subject to late fees.

OCTOBER 2021 NATIONAL VOLKSSPORT MONTH PATCH:

October is National Volkssport Month. Celebrate by pre-ordering patches using the order form and returning to the National Headquarters. Mail form to AVA, 1008 S. Alamo St, San Antonio, TX 78210, or fax form to 210-659-1212. You may also place your order by emailing this form to Marian@ava.org. The deadline to order these October patches is September 6th. Don't miss this opportunity to offer this collectible patch to walk participants!

Note: AVA will not be ordering extra inventory of this patch, clubs must pre-order the patch. Click on image for form.



FINANCIAL:

If your club's fiscal year ends on 6-30-21, it is time to file your 990 E-Postcard, Annual Financial Report (AFR), and update your club officers. An IRS user guide, and the AVA Retention policy for financial and event records have been posted on the AVA website under "Clubs Only". Please submit a copy of your filings to marian@ava.org. Thank you.



Convention event registration and book stamping.



Sarah Garcia with Eleanor Garcia.

AVA HOSTING 18TH IVV OLYMPIAD IN 2023 – HELP US PLAN!

America's Walking Club will host the 18th IVV Olympiad in San Antonio, TX from 19-23 February 2023. This will be the first IVV Olympiad ever in North America, and we need your help! If you are willing to commit to the success of this effort – starting now and continuing through February 2023, please contact us at olympiad2023@ava.org

We have formed an executive planning committee and now it is time to start setting-up the sub-committees we'll need to pull off this international festival – a full week of events & activities back-to-back with the existing IML weekend that began in 2020. Our planning figure for attendance is 2,500 or more from the United States, Canada, and dozens of IVV and IML countries.



Any help is welcomed, but here are some of the attributes / experiences we are looking for:

- People who can serve on a geographically distributed committee – expect to meet mostly by MS Teams or Zoom, at least monthly. You will need computer/internet access, and should be comfortable with MS word, ppt, excel products; and dropbox.com
- People with experience planning large sports events or similar big functions – among these might be – Crazy Horse; the last 2 or 3 AVA Conventions, or multi-event weekends
- People who have specifically attended past international walking events of IVV or IML; or have volksmarched in other countries; or who lived or worked overseas
- People with language skills, and specifically: German, French (official IVV languages), Italian and Korean (we'll be going to Seoul in 2022 to market ourselves)
- People with other specific expertise:
 - Marketing – to include graphic design, websites, and social media.
 - Information Technology – to include website design
 - Trailmaster skills
 - Recruiting and organizing volunteers

We are happy to have help from anyone who wants to see our Olympiad succeed, and we'd like to see representation for every region. Right now we're taking about committee work. As we draw closer to the events themselves, there will be a larger effort to gather the volunteers we'll need to actually run all of this – probably a couple of hundred!

It's an exciting time and we are just getting started. Hope you will join us!

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NATIONAL EVENTS

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To receive an electronic copy of the Checkpoint send your request to Hector at hector@ava.org. Please note on the subject line: Request for Checkpoint.



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