

Local Sections Committee Agenda
June 14, 2009
8:00am – 12:00 Noon
Atlanta, GA
Hanover F – Hyatt Regency Atlanta

Attachment #1

Workshop
8:00 - 9:15

Roll Call of Sections
Goals of Today's meeting

Issues for Local Sections - Taxable vs. Tax Exempt, Financial Liability, Incorporation, Insurance
Discussion of Concerns – facilitated by ANS Staff and Terry Hutton, ANS Legal Counsel

1. Reasons for concern over these issues
2. Importance of having EIN number and how to obtain
3. Tax Exempt Status Issues
4. Incorporation Issues
5. Need for regular reporting
6. Liability Issues
7. Maintaining communication and written documentation

9:15 - 10:15

Updates from Revitalizing Sections (5-7 minutes each)

Niagara-Finger Lakes (Ginna)
Central Illinois

Delaware Valley
Wilmington Area (NC)
Austria

How to get involved in Revitalization Program - benefits/responsibilities

Actions of Sections in "Getting the Word Out" - very brief summaries from sections

Utility Integration - How is it working for your section?
How has this increased interaction with utilities?
What are the results to date?

Review guidelines to be met for Good Standing as an ACTIVE section (outlined in 5-year plan):

- August 31, 2008 - membership recruitment plan
- February 15, 2009 - submit for review your RULES to accompany Standard Bylaws
- August 15, 2009 - Adopt approved RULES (report action in ANNUAL report)
- August 31, 2009 - submit leadership succession plan (brief)
- August 31, 2009 - submit programming plan for one year (brief)
- August 31, 2009 - Submit ANNUAL REPORT

Report progress on ZIP CODE review

Participant feedback on workshop session
What additional information do you need?

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10:15-10:30

Break

10:30 - 12:00

Business Meeting

- 1) Roll Call to determine quorum
- 2) Review Minutes of November meeting
- 3) Update on Official Process for Electronic Voting - being reviewed by BRC
- 4) LSC members' roles as Liaisons
- 5) How can we (LSC members and ANS headquarters) be more helpful to local sections?
 - a. provide leadership training?
 - b. disseminate best practices on electronic communications?
 - c. recognize local sections with outstanding programs or high participation?
 - d. other actions that would lead to more vital ANS local sections
- 6) Other Business
 - Quarterly reporting?
 - Pros vs. cons
 - Format?
- 7) Adjournment

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WORKSHOP Participants

Name <i>Please Print</i>	Your Initials	Appointed LSC member 2008-2009	Local Section Chair	Local Section You Represent
Ann Bisconti		yes	no	
France C. Bres-Tutino		yes		
Audeen Fentiman	AWF	yes	no	
Linda Hansen		yes		
Steve Herring		ex officio		
Ron Livingston		yes		
Nancy Mascarella		yes	yes	
M. Keith Oliver		yes		
Robert Penn	RFP	yes	no	n/a
Edward "Ted" Quinn		yes		
Tinh Tran		yes		
John Joseph Vossler		yes		
Chuck Vincent	CV	no	no	ANS Staff Liaison
<i>Please sign in below – PRINT NAME clearly – initial to show your presence and fill in other information .</i>				
Laura Scheele	LAS	no	no	ANS HQ
W Reed Johnson	WRJ	no	no	Virginia
Jim Fauks	JEF	no	Proxy No	Wilmington
Fried Peretz	FJP	no	Yes	Oak Ridge/Knoxville
Maria Groshner	MSG	no	yes	Virginia

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Robert Wilson		no	yes	Colorado
Sheila Lott	SL	no	yes	Carlsbad New Mexico
William H. Bell	WAB	no	Yes	Columbia SC
Kelly Wichman	KW	no	No	Delaware Valley
SHIKHA PRASAD	S.P	no	NO	DE VALLEY
Ann Levin	AL	no	YES	WASH DC
Roger Tibbrooke	dwt.	no	No	Chicago
DAVE POINTJR	WDP	no	YES	CHICAGO
Bobby Middleton	(B)	no	yes	Trinity
CHARLIE NARMON	CH	no	(YES PAST)	TRINITY
Ross RADEL	RR	no	NO	Trinity
Tracy Radel	TR	no	No	Trinity
ANTHONY HECHANOVA	AH	no	YES	NEVADA
Teri Ehresman	TE	no	yes	Idaho
Mark Giles	MAG	no	No	Washington, D.C.
RIZWAN UDDIN	RU	no	No	Central IL
Mary Ellen Dangler	ME	no	N	Ginna Plant Blanche or Niagara Finger Lakes
Jim TULENKO	JT	no	Yes	Northern Florida
Buddy Springman	BS	no	Elect	Michigan
KUESHAD MUFTUOGLU	YM.	no	No	Washington Area
SAMA BILBAO Y LEON	SBL	no	Yes	Austria
Jean-Francois LUCCHINI	JFL	no	no	Carlsbad, NM

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Minutes
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Agenda Item #4 – How Liaisons can help with revitalization.

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Other comments:

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- * Improve web link from Local Sections to Bylaws and Rules Committee.
- * Spread word to Local Sections about people or potential speakers who are traveling and may be available.
- * Work to encourage corporate leaders to support activities (funding and time).
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Yucca Mountain) due to work assignments.

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Business meeting - resumed around 10:40

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Sign-in Sheet distributed (*Attachment #4*). Quorum was established.

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Minutes of the June meeting (*Attachment #5*) were approved

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A motion was made to approve the petition and recommend that the BoD give official approval. After a second, there was no discussion. Motion Carried.

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Moved by Tom Harmon, seconded by Tinh Tran, that

“Local Section Committee may take binding votes by e-mail subsequent to establishing an official process. Votes of the appointed committee members will be binding for business.”

An amendment was proposed to include both appointed members and LS Chairs. The amendment was approved, with the motion reading as follows:

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The amended motion was approved by a voice vote.

Agenda item #5 – Determining Large vs. Small in regard to Meritorious Award.

LSC discussed what “count” would be used to determine “large vs. small” in regard to Meritorious Award. It was agreed that the number of *paid members* will be used to determine the section sizes as identified in the existing Meritorious Award Guidelines.

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Staff Liaison explained that, in line with guidelines approved by the LSC (and found in the document, *Local Section Revitalization: A 5-year Plan*), the following Local Sections are in “good standing” at the time of the LSC meeting:

- * Carlsbad
- * Long Island
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Members of the LSC suggested that these sections should be recognized with a letter to CNO of appropriate Local Employers.

Agenda item #7 – Roles of LSC Members

It was noted that there had been some discussion of this topic during the workshop session.

Other Topics

It was suggested that Local Sections may benefit from help with or review of IRS 990 forms. Another suggestion was for a seminar on taxes and accounting. This could be part of training sessions projected under 5-year plan.

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