

Department of North Dakota

Membership Report - May 23, 2024

This year our theme for Membership was the North Dakota Great Buffalo Roundup for Membership. It was a fun choice for North Dakota because we do have buffalo, but not really much in the way of dogsled races.

We have struggled greatly with trying to get our Units to 100% renewal. We do have 14 Units at 100% or more, 34 in the 90s, and 38 in the 80s. And of those 80s and 90s 13 just lack 1 renewal, and 20 just lack 2 to 4. We are working to get those in to get their Units to 100%. There are quite a few more that just lack 5 to 8, so I know we can get our numbers up, but it is taking longer than I would want. We are making calls to the Units, getting more of them on ALA MIS so that the process can be easier and faster, and working to get as close to 100% as possible.

We are excited by National's new system of goal setting and are sure we can do a better job of getting our Membership up to 100% next year.

I have attended 7 of the Fall District Meetings, missing 3 due to illness, and 8 of the Spring District Meetings, missing one due to snow, and one due to the date coinciding with our AL District 8 Riders fundraiser. At each meeting I spoke about Membership and encouraged, and tried to inspire, the Units present to get their membership fully paid. I am not sure what more to do to get them moving but will keep working on it!

I have gone on all the National Membership Zoom calls and was on all the NW Zoom calls I knew about. The Zoom calls are very informative and it is fun to talk with other Membership Chairmen from our NW Division.

We have found that several of the Units with very low membership numbers were places where the Membership Chairman of the Unit was holding pretty large numbers of dues. We keep talking about it at every meeting, but in most cases, these are not the people who attend the meetings.

I have written an article in each of the monthly Unit Mailings and in each issue of the Quarterly AL/ALA Publication. It is my desire that every member be a member of the Membership Committee so that we never again lose members due to non-payment of dues. We must not lose Units because we just let the members slip away because we didn't go after them to draw them back. We have a big and VERY IMPORTANT job! It is to HONOR OUR VETERANS and to DO EVERYTHING WE CAN to inspire our members to carry on that mission and to NEVER, EVER GIVE UP!

Congratulations to the following North Dakota Units for achieving 100% or more of their 2024 Unit Goal.

Location Community	Unit Name	Unit #	District	Notes
Galesburg	Sigvard B. Aasen	210	1	Certificate/Ribbon
Cavalier	Lavern J. Thompson	11	2	Certificate
Park River	Paul Farup	147	2	Certificate/Ribbon
Pisek	Novotny-Kachena	208	2	Certificate
Mountain	Bjornson Sigfusson	227	2	Certificate/Ribbon
Medina	Adam Job	245	4	Certificate
Washburn	Victor B. Wallin	12	5	Certificate/Ribbon
Fredonia	Clifford Ost	260	5	Certificate/Ribbon
Portal	Woods-Roan	109	6	Certificate
Elgin	George W. Snook Jr.	246	7	Certificate/Ribbon
New England	Anton Ulijohn	66	8	Certificate
Milnor	Albert Smith-Lewis Thune	148	10	Certificate/Ribbon
Walcott	Hagen-Helgeson	166	10	Certificate/Ribbon
Mooreton	Robert Bergman	283	10	Certificate/Ribbon

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