

## AGA Chapter and Regional Governance Task Force Recommendations

In December 2010, the AGA Chapter and Regional Governance Task Force were established under the direction of the AGA National President, Lisa Casias. This task force was charged to review the current regional governance structure for efficiency and effectiveness and to recommend any changes or improvements. It was also charged to examine the current chapter and regional alignment and determine if there should be any changes that would strengthen existing regions and provide the proper support to chapters in the region. The changes would include changing the boundaries of the sections, creating, combining, or eliminating regions, and/or moving chapters within various regions.

As a result of the task force there were several recommendations made that will help strengthen AGA and give chapters the regional support needed to help them be successful. The task force's final report, "AGA Chapter and Regional Governance Task Force Recommendations", is included. This report was accepted by the NEC on May 25th and the recommendations were voted on at the NEC meeting held on July 9, 2011.

The part of the report that most affects the Northwestern Region is in the recommended realignment plan. This starts on page 4 of the report. It is being recommended that the Northwestern Region's Washington and Alaska Chapters be combined with the Rocky Mountain Region chapters, Idaho Centennial, Northern Utah, Northern Nevada, and Missouri River. This would form the new Northwest Region. It is also being recommended that the two Oregon chapters (Portland and Mid-Willamette Valley) be combined with the current California chapters to form the new West Coast Region. The changes would occur on July 1, 2012. It is believed that this will give all the chapters in the region a strong regional support system, and should be able to help those chapters that are struggling in the current Northwestern Region.

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