

Proposed CFRW-ND Region Realignment

2018

Background

There are currently 11 Regions with 47 active clubs in Northern Division. It is timely to evaluate the effectiveness of our current structure so that any proposed changes may be considered prior to the nomination and election of the 2018-2019 slate of officers.

Our former models were based on serving a larger number of clubs. Today we have 47 active clubs, one “inactive” and several considering mergers or becoming satellites to existing larger clubs. Our continued objective is to try to group clubs according to regional issues, interests and county structures. We are also encouraging clubs to collaborate on attaining speakers and presenting special events where they have shared interests and the ability to do so. Some clubs believe the current structure doesn’t facilitate this as well as it might. We have also taken into consideration the geography and distances between clubs the Regional Director must travel to visit and support the clubs.

Although we no longer require a Regional Conference be held, it is still critical the RD’s remain in touch with the Clubs on a regular basis to understand their issues, support their leadership and maintain a liaison to Northern Division, CFRW & NFRW. Today we have more tools to accomplish this via multi-media approaches as well as live visits allowing us to serve more clubs efficiently. The RD job is best filled by a past Club President with good communication and organizational skills. The numbers of qualified candidates has gotten smaller since they are sometimes still tied to their clubs who cannot find replacements for them.

We also need to consider facilitating interaction with the CRP Regions and Central Committee structures for optimization of our collective GOTV efforts. While there is no perfect match-up, we should be better able to align our mutual interests. We should also be able to reduce the numbers of RD’s from 11 to perhaps 8. Attached is a Draft of a proposed realignment for consideration.