

MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2023

Let's get this membership party started! National Convention is done as of this bulletin and it is time to DIG IN!

There are goals to meet, members to greet and we're gonna hit the street to be the DEPARTMENT TO BEAT!!!

My membership theme this year is the AZ-Ditarod, Sledding To Our Goals. Our National President Lisa Williamsons' theme is the Iditarod which is the famous Alaskan sled dog race that takes place each year in March and goes from Anchorage, AK to Nome, AK. It is one of the most extreme races in the entire world. Harsh conditions, harsh environment, exhausting, never ending... doesn't that sound like working our membership goals at times??? But you know the best thing about the AZ-Ditarod??? Just like those incredible sled teams, our Auxiliary Units working together to recruit, retain and rejoin members can reach all of our goals! That being said, here are some highlights for this month:

1. ALAMIS – the form is on our website www.aladeptaz.org under the Membership tab:

Each Unit and District is eligible to have up to two ALAMIS (ALA Membership Information System) users. The cost of ALAMIS is set by National. Only members that are paid up for the current year will be given access to ALAMIS.

Type of Access	Benefits	Cost per User
Unit Full Access	Pay Dues Online, Rejoin Former Members, Edit member data, Add new Members for your Unit	\$20
Unit Write Access	Edit Member Data and Add New Members for your Unit	\$15
Unit View Access	View your Unit, No Change Capabilities	\$10
District View Access	View All Units, No Change – limited to Dist Presidents Only	\$10

If you have requested Full Access and are still experiencing issues, please contact Department or me to find out what is holding up your full access. All full access applications have been reviewed and updated at this point so if you have followed all the directions and completed the training and still don't have full access, your membership chairman and team will find out what is going on and let you know.

2. Transmittals – Please, please, please - Only send one transmittal sheet per envelope. Each transmittal has 25 lines per sheet and you can mark renewal, new, rejoin on the transmittal; you do not need to split them but please make sure you are marking the appropriate year.

3. Do NOT hold membership – it is important that you are sending in your membership transmittals **WEEKLY AT A MINIMUM**. Let me repeat that... **WEEKLY AT A MINIMUM**.
4. Challenges:
 - a. At the Department Officer and Chairman’s meeting July 29, 2023, there were some challenges put on the table!
 - i. District 12 challenges District 11 – highest percentage by 12-7-2023 - \$50.00 to President’s Special Project
 - ii. Unit 41 challenges Unit 65 – highest percentage by November 11, 2023 - \$50.00 to President’s Special Project
 - b. A special challenge on the table to ALL Units – If the Department of AZ makes 100% goal by 4-1-2023 our Madam President Rose will wear a dress during her processional at Department Convention! C’mon members! We got a special treat at this last Convention with her beautiful costume for her floor remarks but WE ALL want to see her strut her stuff in a dress at our next Convention! We can do it... I know I want to see that 😊
 - c. The Western Division challenges with Department of Alaska and Department of New Mexico are listed in the Membership Package on the Department website.

I know this is a long bulletin but there is so much information that goes along with membership. Please take the time to share with your Unit members and especially your membership chairman.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me. My contact information is below. I work full time so I may not always be able to answer a call during work hours but I will return your call if you leave a voicemail. You can also text or email me at any time. My contact information is below.

I’m very excited to be your membership chairman this year. We should have the final numbers for the 2022-2023 year so that we know the numbers we need to beat for the 2023-2024 year! I said at Convention that we need to beat the last number by at least ONE!!!!

Let’s also remember to “Be The One” which is also aligned with National President Lisa’s theme this year. We can all be the one to sign up a new member, retain a member or rejoin a member who can help save a Veteran from suicide. As always, remember the mission of “Service, Not Self.”

Thank you for all you do!

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