

Incorporation Report: by Bobbie Morris

April 16, 2021

- Updated the Incorporation Power point ready for all State and Chapter to use.
- Followed up with States and Chapters sending in their 990-N, and Financial reports (to Charlie Corbin) dates are From March 1st until July 15th.
- Submitted updated proposals P&P section 2, for our upcoming National Board April Board meeting.
- Happy to report, Chapter 9 of Detroit MI. has started the process to incorporate. (Looking forward to working with Interim President Steve Aleo, Chapter 9).
- Currently we have 16 Inc. Chapters and 12 States.

Below you will find a quick sheet about “Need to know” for incorporating a chapters and states to a 501c3.

All in leadership, we need to encourage States and Chapters to think seriously about becoming incorporated. Please if you have any questions about Incorporation, Contact me anytime at: bobby514@comcast.net or 724-777-9780

Incorporating an AVVA Subsidiary

The AVVA Policy and Procedure Manual contains a section explaining everything you need to know about the *incorporation of AVVA states and chapters*. It is in our best interest as an organization, and in your best interest as state and chapter groups, to consider this step.

THE FIRST THING YOU NEED TO KNOW IS: Incorporating your chapter or state will give you the ability to solicit donations, and to raise your own funds. Once AVVA completes our conversion to a 501(C)3, which is currently in the works, your donors will also be able to claim donations as a deduction on their taxes.

THE SECOND THING YOU NEED TO KNOW IS: Incorporating your group will give you control over your own events and your own funds, even though you are certainly still welcome to work side-by-side with your VVA chapter on their activities, if that is what you have been doing, and wish to continue.

THE THIRD THING YOU NEED TO KNOW IS: States only need a total of 50 regular members within the state to incorporate, and chapters only need 10 regular members to incorporate.

AND FINALLY, YOU SHOULD KNOW that filing to incorporate as an *independent chapter* is exclusively when there is no corresponding VVA or AVVA in your immediate area, or if there is some mitigating circumstance that prevents your ability to incorporate

with an existing chapter. If these conditions do not apply, you will be petitioning to incorporate with your current chapter number.

Incorporation of states and chapter in AVVA is **NOT** the same process as it is in VVA. Please refer to the [AVVA policy](#) to find out details. We welcome questions from VVA members as well, and anyone with questions may contact the National Incorporation Chair: Bobbie Morris bobby514@comcast.net for information and answers.

Everything you would need to know is in P&P MANUAL SECTION 2; INCORPORATED SUBSIDIARIES: STATE AND CHAPTER.

Respectfully,

Bobbie Morris, Chair

Inc. Committee

Nancy Rekowski, Ann Rice, Jennifer Ellis