

REGIONAL BOUNDARIES – POSSIBLE OPTIONS

In undertaking the task of realigning the boundaries of each of the 16 Regions within the United States (It was decided to not make any change to the 2 Regions in Canada.) the *total membership* was considered in order to equalize the number of members per Region and possibly reduce the number of Regions. 2009 numbers were used for this report. In 2009 the Regions within the United States ranged in size from 659 to 3780.

You have received a packet that basically gives two options to consider plus the options of how to number the revised Regions. The first set in your packet is marked “Option A-1” and “Option B-1” – these two options have the Regions being re-numbered from East coast to West coast. The second set is marked “Option A-2” and “Option B-2” – these are the same realignments as A-1 and B-1, but are numbered as close as possible to what the current Regions are numbered.

Options A-1 and B-1 are the ones I will be addressing first. The numbering of the Regions from East coast to West coast was to allow us to look at the realignment with an open mind to change.

With Option A-1 we would have 14 Regions – 12 in the United States and 2 in Canada. The average size of 9 of these would be approximately 2790 and 3 of them would average approximately 2100. The spreadsheet gives you the number of members per state and per Region. (Also, Western Canada has 938 members and Eastern Canada has 377 members.)

Option B-1 gives 11 Regions – 9 in the United States and 2 in Canada. The average size of the United States Regions is approximately 3350.

The Options A-2 and B-2 is included so you can see the numbering of the Regions as they relate to our current Region boundaries. With Option A-2 we do not have correct numbering because Regions 2, 4, 6, and 15 would be absorbed into other Regions since there are only 14 Regions. The same is true of Option B-2 – Regions 2, 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 15 would be absorbed since there would be only 11 Regions.

It is the recommendation of this committee that the Board consider Option A-1 as a viable possibility for realignment of Regional boundaries.