

**2010-2011
BOARD LIAISON**

VICE PRESIDENT(S) COMMUNICATIONS

DATE	12/06/2010
BOARD LIAISON	Jim Kondrasuk
VICE PRESIDENT	Don Brose
REGION	Region # 1 - NE & Great Lakes

Board Liaison: Please share with your Vice President pending Board discussions and review most recent Board meeting minutes. – Did discuss the agenda items & the “workshop” the day before the meeting.

Status of Region	Status of the NE Great Region is strong; Three Canadian Districts are very solid; SW Ontario has a 25 year old Gov & has full District rallying behind him; MI has the strongest Gov in a number of years; ATL NE will have its Second District Conference via the internet, no physical meeting; ATL Central – 75 year old Gov – working on bringing the District together after merger – “transition year”
Concerns/Issues for Board Discussion	Generally support the age based oratorical contests (no gender difference); need to establish criteria for judges – prevent either perceived or real “bias” (judges – equal number of men & women); OI website on tracking – too much effort/emphasis on tracking & not on NCB itself; suggest a “brainstorming” session at OI Convention with those who have build clubs – what works, what does not, exchange ideas & information
Other	PDC’s were a great experience; target the audience more – get Club Pres there; every year may be too much, but if not every year, loose the momentum – plus & minus either way. Need to stabilize an awards program – changes every year are counter-productive. Would be positive to have the Board Agenda posted on line prior to the meeting, and change as it is finalized

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VICE PRESIDENT(S) COMMUNICATIONS

DATE	02/28/2011
BOARD LIAISON	Jim Kondrasuk
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Status of Region	<p>The Atlantic Districts are “doing the best they can to hang in there” – not too much happening; Atlantic NE had their 2nd Qtr Conference via a webinar – had 8 people signed in – have to really publicize this or no attendees.</p> <p>The Ontario Districts are doing fairly well – not as much NCB as VP Don would like to see, but “the Canadians are very good at retention” – attitude is great; District conference formats are not dynamic/motivational – same old tired format.</p> <p>MI- great 2nd qtr conference, attendance up over prior year (175); very organized & upbeat Gov</p>
Concerns/Issues for Board Discussion	<p>No issues/concerns for the Board – Don thought there would be feedback on the age issue for Oratorical – but no big outcry either way, or, “they just do not care”</p>
Other	<p>Discussed the upcoming Board Agenda – positive feedback on Governance plan to “fix” the voting problem; and liked the idea of nominations out before the Convention – somewhat unfair to get nominated from the floor – no warning.</p>