

# Task Force Call- May 27, 2023 Agenda and Survey Results so far

## Agenda:

1. Response from International Board Meeting questions- Duane
  - a. Do District board members have to have product?
  - b. What is the timeline for International to re-District?
  - c. If they do re-District, who pays for the expenses of legal changes in District Foundations and other paperwork?
  - d. What if a District doesn't want to merge with one that owns property?
2. Review the survey results we have so far
3. Discuss how to get input from lodges and members during June and July
4. Other discussion
5. Set the next call date \_\_\_\_\_

## Task Force Survey Results as of May 27, 2023 7:15 AM

### **What do you expect from your zone directors as far as visits, contacts, or other help?**

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I don't expect much from the zone director, based on history.

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**Do you feel connected to the other lodges in your zone?**

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We do things with other lodges, but these are organized by other groups and include other Scandinavian organizations.

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We have limited dealings with other lodges., I think lodges should have cooperative events, like joint travel to local historical locations

I'd like to see more social or cultural events., See other lodges when someone from the district has a program.

**Looking at the distance between some lodges and where the zone directors live, what suggestions do you have for addressing communications/visits/outreach in some areas?**Question about this topic

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One meeting/event every two years is reasonable.

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We can contact them ourselves

I'd like to have some in-person events., I'd like to have some monthly/quarterly opportunities to meet., I haven't found training to be helpful.  
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**Do you have any suggestions for realignment, changing the number of zones, or other ways that would make the zone assignments equal in numbers, distance and services provided by the District Board.**

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not having been to the meetings, I don't know what the zones are, and I can't find them on the S of N website.

More zones; some have six lodges now.

**For the structure of the District Board**

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elect the executive committee and other support directors at large so that

I don't think any officer should be a zone director.

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One zone director is enough.

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Elect an Executive Committee and then one zone director per zone.

The D5 BOD should define the zones and policies, not the lodges.

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### **Other thoughts or comments!**

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Communication between lodges as well as the SON office could improve. Sometimes, it's not easy to find out what is happening in the other lodges. However, I'm a relatively new member and probably don't know where to find everything. Thanks.

I think the map "Judy 1" is the best for us.

It seems like getting zone directors is a difficult task

Thank you for all of your work!!

Sorry, but I won't be able to be on the call Saturday, as I'll be on the road on the way to the twin cities. I've pondered over the zoning options numerous times, and see advantages and disadvantages to all. I guess my favorites were Duane's #3 and Judy's #1 and #3. With more lodges in each zone, travel miles would certainly increase for a director if the same visiting schedules were maintained. I do like the possibility of a director and alternate (assistant) for each zone, and for district officers not to have zone director responsibilities.