

# **District 5 Task Force Survey Final Results Summary**

## **August 1, 2023- 49 total responses**

### **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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Hosting zone meetings or events;Regular communications via email, virtual platforms, or phone calls;Answer any question that the lodge has

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No expectation.

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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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 Yes- we do many things with other lodges.;We have limited dealings with other lodges.  
 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.  
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**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

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No expectation or suggestion

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Would be good if directors could be closer to lodges

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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.

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I am happy to work with the decision made by the members.

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I willl leave this to the directors to decide

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## **For the structure of the District Board**

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One zone director is enough.

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

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If no zone, you can have an executive committee and directors at large

The small lodges are quite independent and working hard to just keep membership interested in attending once a month meetings. Distances are too long for further participation in SON events....unfortunately!

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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!!

With excellent communication (as shown by Darlene Arneson there is not a need for zones.

I strongly feel an in-person training for our lodges is important.

Thankful for technology where folks can communicate without extensive travel.

What is important is that some D5 director reach out somewhat regularly to lodges with info and to discuss how things are going.

Leadership training, recruitment. Have a hostile board member and would like guidance on how to address.

I don't think the lodges have the knowledge to make changes about the board structure. The D5 board should make necessary changes.

Don't know enough to make real educated answers. Would like more contact & togetherness with closer lodges (Rapids, Point, Wausau, Iola), but we are all getting OLD! Tom Boudreau is an excellent rep for us!!!!!!

Thanks to Darlene for doing such a wonderful job. Much appreciated! job. job. Much appreciated!

Reorganization is hard- it's almost like robbing Peter to pay Paul! I do think the current Zone 6 and huge distances between lodges should be addressed. Would an additional zone director be a partial solution?

I can not see directors spending time to visit lodges, It is a waste of time and money. They can use other means of communication. There is not need for Wendy and Bill to come and visit our lodge again. With Jim Herman's experience and my 23 years of membership plus my six years on the board as director our lodge is really stable and growing.