

## Important Information from the last Federation Board Meeting

- The updated by-laws – We had submitted updated by-laws to National and they were not accepted. This was followed by National developing a template for Federations. We have now completed the template, thanks to our Secretary Sue Guthrie, and will be sending your chapter a copy for your review. We need to vote on these changes as a Federation and then resubmit the proposed new by-laws to National once again. This will hopefully happen at our May meeting. Please see the next bullet point.
- Annual Meeting – Several years ago, we voted to hold a Federation Convention every two years rather than each year. However, our by-laws, under which we continue to operate, call for an annual meeting of the membership. So, we are calling an annual meeting **on May 11, 2020 at the Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center in the but would like an invitation Dells**. This will be an afternoon meeting (approximately 1:30 pm to 4 pm) where the main agenda item will be the vote on the proposed By-Law changes, and we need a quorum to enable this to happen. If each chapter could bring at least 3 members to this meeting, we could meet our quorum number. Please put this date on your calendar and encourage your chapter to be represented.
- Our Board members are willing to do Chapter visits and The Federation covers their mileage and expenses, but they would like an invitation from your Chapter and a suggestion of something they could talk about or some questions they might be able to address for your group specifically. So, consider giving one of them a call and getting them a Chapter meeting agenda.
- 2021 Federation Conference – We have a host for the 2021 Conference. The LaCrosse and Tri-County Chapters have stepped up to the plate and will serve as hosts for this exciting event. Thanks for taking on this event.
- Chapter Updates – 2 Chapters have officially closed. They are Manitowoc and Neillsville. The current members have been transferred to other chapters.

If you have any questions (email – [melanie.miller@wisc.edu](mailto:melanie.miller@wisc.edu))

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