

AFFILIATE COMMITTEE UPDATE

After our mega-marathon conference call, the committee has engaged in exploration of several matters...

The Affiliate Application is in the editing process. The idea is that the document would be applicable to all affiliates regardless of where they are located. The NAA and IAP statuses can then be attached as addendums as they become applicable. We anticipate presenting this document for approval this fall.

We are brainstorming around the NAAC program to explore all angles of improvement. The consensus is that efforts and resources will be best utilized to beef up a good program to make it a great one rather than try to begin a new one at this point. A major element to the success of this program and its continued growth is finding a way to direct more dollars into it and make it even more accessible to affiliate level reiners and a bigger attraction on both the RAF and National levels.

In an effort to review the success of the new Regions, we are in the process of developing a questionnaire for affiliates and members that we hope to complete with the e-ballot survey feature as well as getting to affiliate meetings and shows in person. We may arm Regional Directors with the questionnaires as well so they can help gather information from their regions.

It was recently discovered that the High Roller Classic dates that were approved conflict with 3 of our RAF's. The RAF awards were approved last fall by the Board and the dates locked in at that time. We are concerned about the impact the High Roller Classic will have on our RAF's as this show is large and has a draw from all across the country. This conflict cannot be good for either the NAAC program or the High Roller Classic show.