

MEMORANDUM

August 4, 2006

To. NAWCC Board of Directors
Acting Executive Director

From: Membership and Publicity Committee

Subject: Petition for New Chapter in Ventura County, CA

In May 2006, a petition was received for formation of a new NAWCC chapter in Ventura County, California. The petition was signed by 30 NAWCC members in good standing and was accompanied by a set of proposed bylaws, a slate of proposed officers and committee chairs, a plan for meetings and a dues plan.

At the request of the Membership and Publicity Committee, Ray Marsolek of Arroyo Grande, California, graciously agreed to review and evaluate the materials submitted by the petitioners. Ray is well known to many of you as the former chair of the NAWCC Education Committee and is presently a member of that committee. He is also very familiar with existing California chapter structure.

Ray made a thorough study of the proposed plan for a new chapter. He reviewed the proposed chapter bylaws, examined the area to be served by the new chapter, communicated with representatives of Chapters 23, 56, 69, and 75 which are located outside of but near Ventura County, and talked with the proposed new chapter president about the new chapter's proposed officer corps, program and meeting plans, dues plan and recruiting plan.

Ray's report summarizing his findings, conclusions and recommendations regarding the proposed new chapter accompanies this memo. In short, Ray feels that a new chapter in Ventura could be real asset for NAWCC since it would compliment existing chapters, serve a growing area, and have access to a pool of younger members. Ray recommends that the NAWCC Board of Directors approve the petition for establishment of a new chapter in Ventura County. The Membership and Publicity Committee appreciates the thoroughness of Ray Marsolek's work and concurs with his recommendation that the Board charter a new chapter in Ventura County, California.

Charles Buttz, Chair
M & P Committee

26 July 2006
NAWCC
Membership and Publicity Committee
Mr. Buttz

As per your request, I have reviewed the petition for a new chapter in Ventura, California. Using section #5 of "Checklist for New Chapter Application" from the National, as my guide.

I have reviewed the purposed bylaws, list of chapter officers, list of thirty signatures of interested National members, membership goals, and financial statement.

The meetings will be held on the third Sunday of each month, at Ventura College. This does not conflict with any near by chapters. There will be a charge of \$4.00 per member to attend, and fourteen dollars yearly dues. Their goal of 60 chapter members may be on the low side, but a goal of 50 members attending each meeting is high, but is obtainable for the area.

Chapter 75, with about 70 miles between their meeting site and the new site, would be the most affected of all the surrounding chapters. They may lose some members, but their meeting attendance should not be affected very much. This is because some members belong but do not attend meeting because of the distance.

I have talked to Mike Schmidt, who would be the first president, about member recruiting plans. The college where the meeting will be held at has a clock repair class. Mike feels that this class will supply a continuing younger membership for the chapter.

With all information reviewed, I believe that the new chapter in the Ventura area would be a benefit to the NAWCC, because of the possibility of new younger members, and having a chapter in an area that has a growing population, and no other chapter in a 70 mile radius.

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