

To: All NRLN Grassroots Members
From: NRLN President Bill Kadereit
Subject: **NRLN Chapters in Western USA**

Several months ago we announced NRLN chapters were being formed to focus on specific states and regions and that our NRLN Arizona Chapter was the first to be announced. A chapter's mission is to grow and manage our grassroots networks in support of the NRLN's Legislative Agenda within states and Congressional districts. In addition, chapters recruit new NRLN members who retired from companies or public agencies and live in a chapter's geographic area. Chapters are not intended to replace or conflict with the interests of existing NRLN Retiree Associations.

Martha Deahl was named NRLN Desert Southwest Region Vice President for the states of Arizona and New Mexico. The NRLN Arizona Chapter is now in full operation. Martha and her Arizona team members worked hard to make that happen in record time; just ahead of the demise of the Association of US West Retirees (AUSWR) AZ CenturyLink organization. The NRLN New Mexico Chapter is beyond the planning stage and prospective leaders have volunteered and an official chapter formation is expected in August.

Our goal is to assign no more than two or three states to each region. Although it may be a couple of months before we can move to the planning and operational stage, I am announcing today the state of Nevada will become a part of Martha's Desert Southwest Region.

Effective July 1, 2013, Neil West will officially become NRLN Mountain West Region Vice President and will be responsible for the states of Utah, Idaho and Montana. Neil lives in the Salt Lake City area and will serve as interim President of the NRLN Utah Chapter. Del Polad will be the Utah Legislative Director. Marianne Robinson will be NRLN Idaho Chapter President and Sandra Smith has agreed to become the Idaho Legislative Director.

Neil and his core team have worked hard with Donnetta Mitchell and her AUSWR Utah, Idaho and Montana retiree association to develop a plan for a transition in support of these new chapters. Neil will be attending AUSWR association meetings this summer and fall and is working to complete the chapter staffing in the three states during this period.

Also in the western USA, John Bozinny is serving as President of the NRLN Washington State Chapter. Webpages for the NRLN Washington State Chapter and the NRLN Arizona Chapter are posted on www.nrln.org under the "NRLN Chapters" tab. Webpages for other chapters will be posted soon.

If you would like to explore forming a chapter composed of former co-workers, members of a social group, a retirement community or a geographic area please send your name, phone number and/or email address and a brief description of your idea for an NRLN chapter to contact@nrln.org or call the NRLN toll-free at **1-866-360-7197**.

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