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Dear ASN Volunteer,

Good afternoon!

Good afternoon! I am following up with you regarding the ASN update letter sent to you in September. That letter mentioned a lot of positive changes taking place within our ASN organization and I've outlined some of those below. I also want to urge your assistance in completing a survey that will go a long way in helping us help you with your ASN responsibilities

As part of the ASN Program, we have seven Regional Managers that are each responsible for a specific geographical area; their information is available on the [AOPA Advocacy website](#). Let me introduce you to your specific Regional Manager and explain his role within the ASN Volunteer Program.

Steve Hedges currently serves as the Southern regional manager, having been in this position since 2015. He is responsible for general aviation state advocacy, policy and other aviation related issues in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. He is a 1,000-hour pilot with instrument and seaplane ratings. Steve currently resides in Columbus, North Carolina and flies his Piper Comanche out of nearby Spartanburg, South Carolina Downtown Municipal Airport (KSPA). He looks forward to working more closely with Airport Support Network Volunteers across the region to better the industry we all love!

Our Regional Managers have a variety of responsibilities. The most important ones are the outreach efforts and the lobbying they do with their respective state legislators. They may reach out to you, when an issue is developing to seek your help or when they are in your area to meet with you. Your Regional Managers will engage with you regarding effective ways to achieve the goal of assisting our AOPA Members. You can expect to see more opportunities to meet with other ASN Volunteers and your Regional Manager in the coming year.

I want you to know how important you are to AOPA's efforts to protect one of the great privileges we have in America- ***our freedom to fly***. To assist you in that effort, the ASN Program is being revitalized. In my last message, I gave you a list of what is being developed. Now, I want to share with you the new features that have been completed:



The current ASN website has been updated, mainly with content such as Webinars and a new Document Library. Check it out!



In 2016, all of the AOPA Fly-Ins will have our very own ASN Tent for meeting, training and discussions. All of the events we plan to attend will be posted on the "Upcoming Events" located in the ASN only site.



We will send out invitations to the ASNs that are geographically located in an AOPA Fly-In area to personally invite you and share our agenda in advance.

These are just a few things we think are important to keep you better informed on the issues that are fundamental to the ASN Program.

And as I mentioned above, we would very much appreciate you completing a survey that will assist us in gathering information intended to help you as an ASN Volunteer. You will receive another email in the coming week or so that will provide instructions and explanations to the survey questions. So be on the lookout!

In the meantime, please visit the AOPA ASN website and contact us using the new web contact form. We will be phasing out the use of the asn@aopa.org email address for a more automated way to communicate.

We look forward to working with you to create a program that's stronger and more effective than ever.

Again, thank you for all you do on behalf of AOPA members and the entire general aviation community.

Sincerely,

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