

2011 NCCC Convention Status Letter -- January 2010

Greetings to all Midwest Region Governors and members from Gary Kelly, your Regional Executive!

I hope you all had a great holiday season and am anxious to get back to your normal routine. It would be great if your normal routine for 2010 included time to help plan the 2011 NCCC Convention which is being hosted by the Midwest Region (MWR) and being held in Tinley Park, IL.

I can't believe that it is time to send out another monthly status report. Where did the time go since we sent out the December, 2009 report? Some progress was made, but there is a long ways to go. There are still some great opportunities to get involved either as an individual or as a Club. With only 17 months until convention time, we have to make good progress every single month. The convention logos only need final approval by the merchandise producers and the NCCC Convention Steering Committee. They are striking and represent our region well. The merchandise team is putting together the initial list of items that will be offered. Preliminary assignments have been made for a couple of the Chairpersons. They would like to have the competitive, social and activity event Chairpersons assigned in February.

Refer to the 2011 Convention section of the MWR Web Site for all the latest info. There's a list of needed Chairpersons and behind every Chairperson a cadre of workers are needed. Surely there's an area that you like and are good at for you to get involved. Our Convention Chairperson, Dave Heinemann, has to present a progress report to the NCCC Convention Steering Committee on February 26th. So think hard about what you can do to help and volunteer. Dave has broken down the tasks so nobody should have to work more than a day or two unless they want to.

Something that is great about this country and NCCC is that everyone gets a vote, but along with the right to vote comes the responsibility to live with the results. At the Feb. 2009 MWR Meeting, all the Governors present voted in favor of the MWR hosting the 2011 Convention. Now as they say we have to pitch in and "carry the water and tote the bale".

On another note, Please consider coming to the MWR meeting and banquet on March 13th. The meeting will be short and will include a tour of the Convention headquarters at the Holiday Inn in Tinley Park, IL. All MWR members are welcome to attend the meeting and the tour. You can get a copy of the flyer at <http://www.mwregion.com/>.

Save the wave,

Gary Kelly

Midwest Region – Regional Executive

Hello Midwest Region NCCC members.

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday. It sure is winter around the Midwest area with all the snow and cold. It's sometimes hard to think about a Convention in June 2011 when it is this cold outside. However, we need to because 2011 is around the corner and the NCCC 2011 Convention is just 17 months away.

The Convention Team is back to work meeting on the first Tuesday every month at the Convention Center in Tinley Park planning all the events and fun stuff to do at 2011.

We need your input and help to make this one of the best Conventions for NCCC and all its members. Think what a football game would be if there were no players on the field and only coaches and trainers on the side lines? Wouldn't be much reason to go to the game, wouldn't be much fun just sitting there watching an empty field. And what would all the fans do and who would they cheer for?

This is where we are right now with the progress towards the 2011 Convention. We have the Coaches, Larry and me, and we have some of the Trainers, but we need a lot more Support Staff for all the events we plan to have at this convention. Once we have all the staff positions filled, we can fill in help for each Team Leader for each event with the members and friends you all have and have worked with in your own club. This is what it takes to host a successful Convention. **TEAM WORK!!** Larry Pagliaro, Gary Kelly, the MWR RE, and I cannot do this by ourselves. We need help from all of you.

This way when game time comes, we will have the two Coaches, the MW Regional Officers, and MWR Governors as support staff, and all the MWR Members as Team Players. When NCCC members show up, we will have one heck of a game for them.

It's no different than a football game. Not all players play all the time. There is a Defensive team, Offensive Team, Special Teams, Quarterbacks, Kickers and lots more. It takes everyone pitching in to make a **Winning Team**.

How can you help? Look at the MWR WEBSITE at <http://www.mwregion.com> and click on 2011 plans and see all that there is to do. Also have your club webmaster place a link on your club web page to the 2011 Convention. If you are not sure how to do this, contact Joan Thomas, the Region Webmaster and she will assist you.

Working together we will have one heck of a team and one super Convention in 2011.

Thanks for all you support so far. We will have an update each month until June 2011.

Dave Heinemann

2011 Convention Director