

Congratulations to everyone from Region 5 who qualified and competed at the USEF Festival of Champions at the end of August at Lamplight in Illinois!

The USDF convention is coming up quickly and it's time to book your hotel rooms, airfare and register for the convention and symposium. We are in Salt Lake City, Utah this year November 28<sup>th</sup> - December 1<sup>st</sup>. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at [www.usdf.org/Convention/](http://www.usdf.org/Convention/). All Group Member Organization's (GMO) were asked to designate their delegates for the USDF convention Board of Governors meeting by August 31st and if not determined by that date, the GMO president would become the delegate. If the GMO delegate/president is not able to attend the convention, a proxy for that delegate can be submitted at any time up until the night before the BOG meeting at the convention. The advantage for the GMO is that the delegate will be known and can receive communication from the USDF office earlier. GMO Delegates are included on a list of USDF delegates to receive e-mail communications containing pertinent information on issues that will come before the 2018 BOG meeting at convention. If GMO's have not yet sent in their delegate information, please do so as soon as possible.

The Board of Governors will be considering a dues increase from the Group Members Organizations and there will also be some other significant and very important discussions that will be announced soon so I encourage all of you to attend since this is in our Region and a very critical year.

If you are going to Salt Lake City for the Convention or the Awards Dinner, make sure you set aside some time to explore the unique downtown, the Mormon Tabernacle, do some genealogy research, or you could get a group of friends together and take the free bus out to Park City and the old Olympics venue and quaint downtown area there. It's a beautiful time of year in Utah.

We are still looking for sponsors for the USDF Convention as well – it's a great opportunity to showcase our USDF Region 5! You can sponsor anything from the coffee breaks in the mornings to the Board of Governors breaks. Please contact Melissa Schoedlbauer ([mschoedlbauer@usdf.org](mailto:mschoedlbauer@usdf.org)) or myself ([slush@drgw.net](mailto:slush@drgw.net)) if you have any interest or potential sponsors we should talk to.

Don't forget, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships is coming up October 5-7 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Entries close September 10th, and we hope to see everyone there to cheer each other on or to help volunteer!

Till next month!  
Heather Petersen

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