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Dear FBLA Advisers and Members

We are moving into a period of much communication regarding the RLCs and then the SLCs. If you have new advisers in your chapter who are not receiving PA FBLA e-mails, please contact me with the name and e-mail address of that person so that we may put that individual on the mailing list.

Thanks.

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**In 11 days, November 11, online registration will open for each of your Region Leadership Conferences**, and you will see a series of e-mails regarding that over the next few days. What does that mean to you—especially new advisers? There will be a series of e-mails over the next few days trying to guide you—especially the new advisers—through this process. My goal in this e-mail is to explain the following:

1. What constitutes an FBLA region
2. Who manages a region
3. What is supposed to happen within regions
4. What is a Region Leadership Conference (RLC)
5. What happens at an RLC

During a series of e-mails, I will attempt to chunk pieces of relevant information together to help you understand the big picture.

### **Item #1—What constitutes and FBLA region?**

Pennsylvania is organized into 28 regions across the Commonwealth. A region is a collection of chapters in a geographic area (averaging 8-12 chapters per region). Nearly all regions are organized by county or a series of counties. Here is an idea how the regions are organized in Pennsylvania:

#### **Western District:**

- Region 01: Northwest Pennsylvania, (Erie, Warren, McKean, Elk, and Forest Counties)
- Region 02: Northwest Pennsylvania (Lawrence, Crawford, Mercer, and Venango Counties)
- Region 03: Western Pennsylvania (Indiana and Jefferson Counties)
- Region 04: Western Pennsylvania (Fayette, Greene, Westmoreland, and Washington Counties)
- Region 10: Western Pennsylvania (Allegheny and Washington Counties)
- Region 11: Western Pennsylvania (Allegheny, Westmoreland, and Armstrong Counties)
- Region 13: Western Pennsylvania (Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, and Clarion Counties)
- Region 24: Western Pennsylvania (Washington and Allegheny Counties)

#### **Central District:**

- Region 05: Central Pennsylvania (Cambria and Blair Counties)
- Region 06: South-Central Pennsylvania (Adams and York Counties)
- Region 07: North-Central Pennsylvania (Columbia, Lycoming, Potter, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties)
- Region 14: Central Pennsylvania (Cameron, Clearfield, Centre, Clinton, and Elk Counties)
- Region 15: Central Pennsylvania (Dauphin and Lebanon Counties)

Region 17: South-Central Pennsylvania (Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset Counties)

Region 23: Central Pennsylvania (Juniata, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Snyder, and Union Counties)

Region 26: South-Central Pennsylvania (Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Perry Counties)

### **Eastern District:**

Region 08: Eastern Pennsylvania (Berks County)

Region 09: Southeastern Pennsylvania (Chester County)

Region 12: Southeastern Pennsylvania (Bucks County)

Region 16: Northeastern Pennsylvania (Luzerne County)

Region 18: Southeastern Pennsylvania (Lancaster County)

Region 19: Southeastern Pennsylvania (Delaware County)

Region 20: Southeastern Pennsylvania (Montgomery County)

Region 21: Eastern Pennsylvania (Carbon, Monroe, and Northampton Counties)

Region 22: Northeastern Pennsylvania (Lackawanna, Pike, and Wayne Counties)

Region 25: Southeastern Pennsylvania (Philadelphia County)

Region 27: Northeastern Pennsylvania (Bradford, Susquehanna, and Wyoming Counties)

Region 28: Eastern Pennsylvania (Lehigh County)

### **Item #2—Who manages a region?**

Each region has an elected region adviser who is elected from among the active chapter advisers in that region. Region advisers serve a minimum of three years, but many have served in the position for many years. Each region is to elect two student officers: a region president and a region secretary. Regions may have other officers, but they are not required. Regions may also have established their own policies which guide the region in its activities.

### **Item #3—What is supposed to happen within regions?**

Each region is supposed to hold two functions each year: a Region Leadership Workshop (RLW) and a Region Leadership Conference (RLC).

The focus of the RLW is leadership development, sharing ideas, focusing on the state project, and becoming acquainted with the other members in the region.

The focus of the RLC is to conduct a series of individual or team competitive events to enable students to qualify for the State Leadership Conference and elect region offices for the next year.

Each region may hold one or more planning meetings for the RLW and the RLC.

### **Item #3—What is an RLC (Region Leadership Conference)?**

An RLC is a gathering of local chapters within the region for the purpose of conducting a competitive events program for its chapters/members that will lead to qualifying for the State Leadership Conference.

An RLC may be held at a local school, on college/university/post-secondary school campus, or at some other neutral location.

RLCs may be held between **December 1, 2015, and January 9, 2016**. The date and location of the RLC is usually a decision made by the region adviser in consultation with the other advisers in the region.

RLCs may be held during the school day; in some cases, they are held afternoons and into the evening hours.

At the RLCs, the coming year's region president and region secretary are elected.

### **Item #4—What happens at an RLC (Region Leadership Conference)?**

The primary focus of an RLC is the administration of the competitive events and the awards program. More will be explained about competitive events in a later e-mail.

At a minimum, certificates are issued to the first- through fifth-place winners in each of the competitive events. Some region may choose to give trophies or ribbons.

Once the final results are tabulated, announcement is made of the top five winners and those who qualify to attend the State Leadership Conference based on PA FBLA's Policy Handbook.

### **Item #5—How is a region financed?**

Regions are self-financed. Income may come from registration fees or region dues. The decision how to finance is determined by the region.

**This will be the first in a series of e-mails regarding regions. The goal is to educate our advisers and students—especially our many new advisers—about how regions operate in Pennsylvania.**

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