

REGION 10 REVENUE SHARING

It may be a first among regions. We're not sure. But during 2008, the Region 10 Board developed a program to return funds that were determined to be in excess to the operational needs of the Region to Region 10 clubs.

Discussions occurred at several meetings. A minimum dollar threshold was developed that would trigger the distribution. Criteria were developed as to which Region 10 clubs would be eligible to receive the funds based on a reasonable amount of time and talent provided to regional activities by each club. And, most importantly, a distribution formula needed to be developed that would be fair to all Region 10 clubs – large and small.

Happy representatives accepted revenue sharing checks for their clubs at the March Region 10 Board meeting. From left: Lori Conway (MAHA), Dean Meier (Immediate Past Director), Kitty Omitt (Sahara Sands), Connie Curtis (Indianhead), Christine Rickart (Region 10 Treasurer), Valerie Temp (NMAHA), Amy Thalacker (WDHA), Bev Cole (WAHA), Chuck Rickart (MHAHA).



The Board determined a system where a certain percentage of the funds would be split equally between the qualified clubs combined with a smaller percentage that would provide a “per member” payment. This system allows for a substantial minimal amount per club, but still provides an incentive and reward for clubs that are able to increase and retain their membership.

The great news is that based on a successful 2008 Region 10 Show, \$15,000 was distributed to eight Region 10 clubs at our January Region 10 meeting in Eau Claire. It was obvious the checks were a welcome bonus for the clubs. Checks ranged from \$1,384.00 for GLAHA with 15 members to \$2,680.00 for WAHA (the region's largest club with 286 members). Among comments made “Great, this will keep our club in business for another year” to “We plan to use the money to buy a new computer for the club” to “Wow – I never thought it would be this much”! The Region Board is working hard to ensure that this year's distribution was not a one time occurrence. Every Region 10 member can help by volunteering and sponsorships at our shows.

