

At the annual meeting of the A.O.H. held at Cincinnati, Ohio on July 8, 2010, an information session was held with the I.R.S. auditors, Duncan Wagner and Whicke.

The new system was developed as a result of recent international threats where money has been transferred to terrorist organizations through fake or dishonorable organizations.

An attempt to secure verification of the many listed charitable groups showed that a large percentage were no longer active. In an effort to clarify legitimate groups these rules have been put into effect.

Our divisions, county and state organizations are considered exempt and do not pay federal income taxes. (We must have documentation of this exemption – we fall under 501-C8 of the I.R.S. code)

Each of our entities is considered to be part of the national organization which has a federal exemption #GEN0832 which ties us to the national.

The forms to be filled are:

#990 which covers organizations with gross receipts exceeding \$200,000

#990EZ gross receipts from \$50,000 to \$200,000

#990N gross receipts less than \$50,000

*These amounts effective for the 2010 fiscal year.

Depending on gross receipts these forms must be filled out every year by May 31st.

The I.R.S. has a web site IRS-EO which outlines the program. There is also a HELP #1-877-829-5500 which can verify your EIN number.

*Forms and booklets available at the local I.R.S. office.

They also noted that as a tax exempt organization all fund raising should be handled by volunteers. The use of paid personal will change our status.

**** As a special note the I.R.S. has extended the filing deadline to Oct. 15, 2010.