OUR LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS LOOKED INTO THE NEEDS OF AND CHALLENGES OF OUR TEXAS TABLES. THE COMMITTEE MET AND CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS NO SINGLE SOLUTION FOR INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL TABLES. IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES OF THE TEXAS TABLES THE COMMITTEE SENT EACH TABLE A LETTER AND QUESTIONAIRE (COPY ATTACHED). WE ASKED THAT THEY SHARE THEIR CONCERNS WITH US. WE RECEIVED SEVERAL RESPONSES AND HAVE BEEN GATHERING IDEAS AND SEARCHING FOR POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS FOR THEM. OUR PLAN IS TO VISIT INDIVIDUAL TABLES TO FACILITATE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS AND PERHAPS SOLUTIONS. ANOTHER APPROACH INVOLVES A COUPLE OF HALF DAY MEETINGS AROUND THE STATE WHERE WE CAN ENGAGE IN OPEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CONCERNS AND SOLUTIONS.

WE ALL KNOW THAT TIMES HAVE CHANGED. IN ORDER TO STAY STRONG AND VIABLE WE MUST CONTINUE TO EVALUATE OURSELVES.

THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS COME UP WITH IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS THAT MAY BE HELPFUL TO THE TABLES. WE ARE PREPARED TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU AT A TIME OF YOUR CHOOSING THIS SUMMER/FALL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING WITH YOU.

SUBMITTED BY THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

JANET ROBERTS – CHAIR

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MISSION STATEMENT IN ADDITION TO "ONE FOR ALL- ALL FOR ONE" TO HELP GUIDE INDIVIDUAL TABLE'S PURPOSE

EXAMPLE: AUSTIN DID THIS LAST YEAR — "TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE AT HOME AND AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS THROUGH EDUCATION, OUTREACH AND FRIENDSHIP.

PLANNING PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR SO MEMBERS CAN INVITE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

SOCIAL GATHERING INCLUDING FAMILY AND FRIENDS

WE ARE EXPLORING A "SISTER TABLE" PROGRAM EITHER AMONG TEXAS TABLES OR WITH THE ALLIANCE.

WORK CLOSELY WITH THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY

NEWS LETTER OR EMAILS TO MEMBERS SHOWING PICTURES TAKEN AT THE MEETINGS AND DELIVERING INFORMATION THAT MEMBERS MAY WANT TO SHARE

PROGRAMS AND PROMOTING THEM ARE KEY. SENDING REMINDERS TO MEMBERS IS HELPFUL

PARTICIPATINE IN COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PROMOTING PART

ASSESSING BY LAWS AND COMMITTEES SO MEMBERS DO NOT GET BOGED DOWN