



Message from the TVAHU President:

Our first membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Courtyard By Marriott on Eagle Road. We would like to give a special thank you to our September meeting sponsor Integrated Benefits Administration. The topic for our first meeting will be External Review Rules and Grandfathered Plan Status presented by Anne Wilde. Anne is an experienced attorney and human resource professional who has advised employers on complex employment-related matters for fifteen years. She has advised private and public employers from a spectrum of industries. Anne's expertise is in the federal and state employment laws, ERISA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, HIPPA, and COBRA.

In an effort to reduce costs the board voted to temporarily discontinue the mailing of the reminder post cards to our members. Instead we will send out monthly notices for our meetings electronically, and follow-up with reminder e-mails along with reminder phone calls from the board closer to the meeting date. We are planning on having a record attendance at all of our meetings this year, please mark your calendar in advance for the second Thursday of each month (with the exception of our February meeting, which will be combined with the NAIFA meeting).

A committee has been formed to review and update our local TVAHU bylaws. Once the committee has drafted the revised bylaws, and the TVAHU board approves them, they will be sent out to our members for review. We will allow the membership 30 days to review the revised bylaws before voting on them at our local chapter meeting. We will provide additional information in future newsletters and e-mails.

Future newsletters will highlight our members and board members. If you have an article or opinion that you would like printed please contact our Communications Chair, David Watton at [david@insurersofidaho.com](mailto:david@insurersofidaho.com).