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MEA-Retired Director's Annual Report for 2020-2021

The only currently active chapter in Region 18 is the Amygdaloid Chapter in 18-A. I live in 18-A, so prior to the pandemic, I attended all the Amygdaloid meetings. Since the pandemic, however, we have not met; meeting virtually is challenging for many of our members, including some of our officers, as reliable internet and the capability to utilize Zoom is not available in many rural areas or by all of our members. I do email my board reports to our retirees, however, and both our chapter president and I field email questions. I attend every meeting of the Copper Country Education Association, which is both the MABO and coordinating council. I attend every Region 18 Council meeting. I have not attended 18-B Coordinating Council meetings, but the Region 17 board member often attends those 18-B meeting. Of course, since March all meetings have been virtual.

After each of our statewide board meetings I compose a report that I send via email to my Amygdaloid Chapter list and both Uniserv offices, and my contact information is always included. The report is provided at any Amygdaloid Chapter meetings, both Coordinating Council meetings, and the Region 18 Council meetings. Whenever I am present, I provide an oral report in addition to the written report and make myself available for questions and concerns.