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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the Blue Ridge District, VJJA

FROM: Robert W. Foster, Blue Ridge District Chair

RE: VJJA Update

Since our organizational meeting on August 12, 2005, we have captivated the attention of the state board and other members by both the increase in our membership and the level on enthusiasm exhibited by our district's members! By the end of August, the Blue Ridge District had gained 28 new members for a total of 57 members and appointed 12 committee liaisons for the district. If you have not already heard from your state committee chair please let me know.

We are expecting a flyer in the next few days with more details on the Fall Institute held at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach on November 2-4, 2005. Keep in mind to let me now by October 1st if you are planning to attend as we may have enough participation for the Association to charter a bus to and from the beach.

The training committee that was formed in Roanoke has begun the process of planning a district training session.

Please keep in mind that if you are interested in running for one of the District Positions you will need to notify Linda Fain at <u>Linda.Fain@djj.virginia.gov</u> in the coming weeks. We are hoping to have the ballots sent out to all members by mid November.

On behalf of the Blue Ridge District, I will be attending the State Board meeting on September 23, 2005 in Henrico County. If you have any questions or concerns which need to be addressed by the Board please feel free to let me know. I will be getting back to you with another update after the board meeting.

RWF/maw