

SUBJECT: Election of At-Large Vice Presidents (Bylaws 2/3 Vote)

(This section to be completed by the Agenda and Resolutions Committee.)

Committees required to review:

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

Board of Directors

Bylaws Committee

Governance Committee

Membership Committee

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved

_____ Approved with Modification

_____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn

_____ Referred to Committee _____

RESOLUTION:

(Refer to Article 901 for submission requirements.)

Whereas, The current Bylaws state that the At-Large Vice Presidents are appointed by the 8 Trustees of the Purebred Arabian Trust (PAT); and

Whereas, This rule was incorporated into the originally-accepted Merger Agreement; and

Whereas, It is the position of the sponsoring club, the At-Large Vice Presidents have been useful in bringing the old AHRA (now PAT) together with IAHA (now AHA) in a smooth transition to one new organization; and

Whereas, Now that we are one organization it is time to move forward; and

Whereas, It is the position of the sponsoring club, the next step is to have the At-Large Vice Presidents be elected by the general membership of AHA; and

Whereas, It was understood at the time of the delegates' acceptance of said Merger Agreement that changes would have to be made from time to time to better facilitate the original Merger Agreement and to accommodate the changing times; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, Article VIII. Officers, Section 2. Election., Paragraph a. be changed to read:

“The President shall be elected by ballot for a two (2)-year term. The President will be eligible for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms excluding any period of time completing the term of a predecessor. The two (2) At-Large Vice Presidents shall be elected by the membership (defined as any AHA Affiliate, Associate, Life or Direct Member who is in good standing each year at the time of the Annual Convention), each for a term of one (1) year. All other Officers shall be elected by the Voting Delegates for a term of one (1) year. All Officers shall serve until their successors are elected and take office at the close of the Annual Convention following the successor’s election. All elections shall be conducted by a written ballot at the Annual Convention in the case of Delegate-elected officers, and written or electronic ballot in the case of the At-Large Vice Presidents; provided, however, in the event that one person is nominated for an office the election may be by voice vote in the case of those officers elected by the Delegates at the Annual Convention.”; and, Be It Further

Resolved, Article VIII. Officers, Section 3. Qualifications. Be changed to read :

“Each Officer elected by the Annual Convention shall at all times during his or her continuance in office, be an Affiliate Member in good standing as determined pursuant to Article III, Section 2. Paragraph 1.

51 Individuals elected by the membership as At-Large Vice Presidents at all times during their continuance in
52 office shall be an Affiliate, Direct or Life Member in good standing .”; and, Be It Further
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54 Resolved, Article VIII., Officers, Section 4. Vacancy., be changed to read:

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56 “In the case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall become President. A vacancy
57 in the office of either At-Large Vice President positions shall be filled by the candidate receiving the next-
58 highest vote count in the election at the Annual Convention at which the vacating At-Large Vice President
59 was elected. If there is no candidate available from that election, the position will remain vacant until the
60 next ~~annual Convention~~ election”; and, Be It Further
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62 Resolved, Article VIII, Officers, Section 9. Officer Disability Policy., be changed to read:

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64 “The Board of Directors may remove from office an Officer elected in accordance with Article VIII of the
65 Bylaws for reason of disability.....”; and, Be It Further
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67 Resolved, Article VIII, Officers, Section 10. Officer for Cause Policy., be change to read:

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69 “The Board of Directors may remove from office, “for cause,” an Officer elected in accordance with
70 Article VII of the Bylaws”; and, Be It Further
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72 Resolved, Article IX. Committees and Commissions; Section 3. Nominating Committee. Add Paragraph e:

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74 e. Beginning with the elections occurring at the Annual Convention in 2005, the Nominating
75 Committee shall primarily serve as a credentialing committee. At such time, any Affiliate, Associate, Life
76 or Direct Member - who is in good standing may nominate themselves as a candidate for any Arabian
77 Horse Association At-Large Vice President. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to develop a
78 standard form to detail the relevant biographical information of each nominee and require each nominee to
79 submit the standard biographical information form to the Nominating Committee at least 120 days prior to
80 the elections. Members may vote electronically or may request a paper ballot for mailing vote to AHA
81 office (mail-in ballot request information to be published in AHA magazine or equivalent), all ballots of
82 any kind to be in the AHA office no later than the closing date of voting which will be 30 days prior to the
83 Annual Convention. The results of this election are to be announced at the immediately-following Annual
84 Convention where election results of delegate voting are announced. All other duties of the Nominating
85 Committee as described in Article IX, Committees and Commissions; Section 3. Nominating Committee;
86 Paragraph d. shall apply; and, Be It Further
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88 Resolved, That upon passage of this resolution by the AHA delegates and approval of the Purebred Arabian Trust
89 Trustees, all appropriate changes will be made in all wording contained in all IAHA/AHRA Merger
90 Documents referring to the At-Large Vice Presidents appointed by the Trustees of PAT as necessary to
91 implement this change, including AHA Bylaws; and, Be it Further
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93 Resolved, That all other membership rights and privileges not modified herein shall remain unchanged.

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95 Effective: January 1, 2005 and upon approval of the Purebred Arabian Horse Trustees as per AHA Bylaws Article
96 XIV, Amendments.
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98 PROPONENT'S FINANCIAL IMPACT:
99 (Refer to Article 901.2.e. for financial requirements.)

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101 Cost of including candidate information and mail-in ballot request in the AHA magazine and staff costs for conducting
102 electronic voting and counting of e-votes and paper ballots.

104 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:
105 There are several fundamental errors in this resolution:
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