# Virtual Convention

Plenary Session & Voting Training 2023



#### **Plenary Facilitators**





Penny Wardlaw Agenda & Resolutions, Chair

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Carol Farmer Parliamentarian



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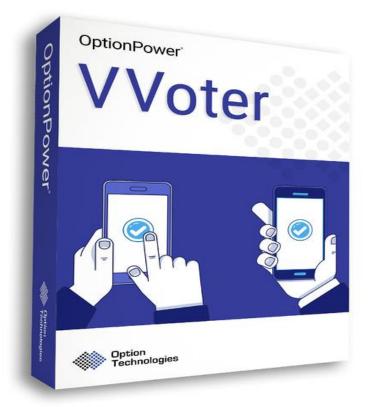
- VVoter Training & Instructions with Mark Fite
- Plenary Purpose & Guidelines
- Resolutions
- Delegate Instructions
- Questions



#### VVoter

**VVoter** is software tool that equips meeting attendees to vote, and participate using smartphones, tablets and computers

- It is secure, powerful and private
- Polling results and participant feedback is immediate
- Best to use tablet or computer
- Leave browser open during meeting
- DO NOT log in more than once on same dev
- The last vote submitted is the one recorded





# **Plenary Purpose**

- Allow proponent to educate members on Resolutions
- Allow for an opportunity for members to ask questions about Resolutions
- Prepare Convention attendees for the Virtual Convention business meeting
- Note: Debate around the Resolutions will occur during the Convention business meeting



# **Resolutions Overview**

- AHA's organizational HOUSE is its Handbook/USEF/EC Arabian Rules
- Amended at Convention by the vote of the delegates
- Proposed by members organizations, standing or Ad Hoc Committees, Regional Board of Delegates, the Board of Directors of the AHA or the AHA President
- Evaluated by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee
- Resolutions have an effective date on each resolution
- Extraordinary resolutions are effective 12/31 of the current year
- Upon adoption of an extraordinary resolution the EC and BOD may alter the effective date.



## **Consent Agenda**

- Allows a vote, one vote on all items in consent agenda
- Allows Resolutions to be removed from consent agenda
- Once removed those Resolutions will be introduced by separate motions, open for debate and adopted or defeated in a separate vote
- Resolutions MUST be removed prior to the vote to approve the consent agenda
- Once consent agenda is adopted those Resolutions will not be read or discussed as they are adopted by the Convention

Bylaws Resolutions will NOT be a part of the consent agenda – *Please note that we do not have any resolutions which effect the AHA Bylaws this year* 



### Responsibilities

Read & review Resolutions

 Identify Resolutions you wish to remove from the Consent Agenda vote

 Removed Resolutions will be read, discussed & voted on separately



# **Plenary Guidelines**

- Type questions into the webinar Q & A feature OR
- Email unanswered questions after the plenary session to leslie.lockard@arabianhorses.org
- Reference your name, region, club, or volunteer role and the Resolution number in question
- Make inquiry before or while the Resolution is being discussed



### Resolutions

Amendments must be submitted to Leslie Lockard at leslie.lockard@arabianhorses.org

- Prior to Convention, all amendments are posted on the AHA website where they can be accessed and will show up as amendment 1, amendment 2, etc.
- The waiving of the reading of resolutions has been added to the Standing Rules of Convention



#### **Resolutions On Screen**



# **Delegate Instructions**

- Share and discuss Resolutions with members, clubs, regions
- Attend committee meetings to participate in discussions
- Prepare for the Convention legislative meeting. If you have a comment regarding a Resolution prepare in advance to speak on the Virtual Convention floor
- Have a link or access to the Resolutions during the business meeting of Convention
- Questions leslie.lockard@arabianhorses.org



# Schedule

- Open Committee Meetings Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday November 13, 14, 16, 17
- Board of Directors Meeting 9am-5pm MT Wednesday, November 15
- Bingo Fun Night 6:00 pm pm MT Wednesday, November 15
- Regional Caucus time set by Region
- Awards Ceremony 6pm 7 pm MT Friday, November 17
- Business Meeting times are approximate
  - General Session I 10am-12:15pm (tentative) MT Saturday, November 18
  - General Session II 1pm (tentative) 3:30 pm (tentative) MT Saturday, November 18
  - General Session III 4pm (tentative) 5 pm (tentative) MT Saturday, November 18
- AHYA Board Meeting **9am- 12pm** MT Sunday, November 19



#### Thank You! See you at Virtual Convention



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