

SUBJECT: Member Inclusion (Bylaw 2/3rds)

(EXTRAORDINARY)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements

Committee Action:

Committees required to review: *(This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee)* Approve Disapprove

Annual Convention Planning Committee			
Board of Directors			
Bylaws Committee			
Membership Committee			

CONVENTION ACTION:

☐ Approved
 ☐ Approved with Modification
 ☐ Disapproved
☐ Withdrawn
 ☐ Referred to Committee

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) ☐ Add new rule ☐ Delete existing rule ☒ Change existing text
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AHA – Bylaws (Articles VI, VIII, IX, and XI)

RESOLUTION: Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion

Whereas, The Arabian Horse Association is a member organization; and

Whereas, All members of the Association are of equal importance; and

Whereas, In the modern age, it has become possible to allow Members that are not attending an annual meeting/Convention to securely vote for Directors to serve on the Board of Directors of an organization, in order to have a voice in their association; and

Whereas, A review of other of the larger equine member organizations has determined that the great majority do now provide the opportunity for all members to have a vote in the election of Directors, either through remote voting or by the allowance of proxy votes; and

Whereas, The two primary organizations, besides AHA, that do not currently allow all members to have a vote for Directors are considering changing their rules, as a result of the modern expectations of inclusion, accountability, and transparency for all member organizations; and

Whereas, Remote voting is less administratively challenging than allowing proxy voting; and

Whereas, Member and potential member expectations of inclusion make this change vitally important to the continued viability of the Association, so that this Resolution meets the criteria set out in Chapter 9, Rule 101.3.a, (4) to be considered an Extraordinary Resolution; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That Article VI, Section 4, sub-section (f) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

~~All only persons who are~~ adult or life members in good standing of the Association on June 30 of the year in which an Annual Convention is held and who have been certified by Credentials ~~and who are in attendance at an annual convention~~ shall be entitled to vote for the election of a President, a Vice President, and the election of three (3) Directors; and Be It Further

Resolved, That Article VIII, Section 2, sub-section (ii) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

Seven (7) additional Board members selected as follows: (a) three (3) Directors nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the ***adult*** Membership of the Association ~~in attendance at an annual convention~~; (b) three (3) Directors elected by the National Council established pursuant to these ~~resolutions~~ ***Bylaws***, and (c) one (1) Director appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust; and Be It Further

Resolved, That Article VIII, Section 2, sub-section (vii) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

Vacancies. In the event an office ~~or a Director seat;~~ **(A)** appointed by the Board or elected by the Credentialed Voting Members ~~in attendance at an Annual Convention~~, becomes vacant by reason of resignation or otherwise, the unexpired term of that office/**Director** will be appointed by the Board and further for those elected by the Credentialed Voting Members ~~in attendance at an Annual Convention~~ will be filled by election at the next Annual Convention; **(B)** the National Council shall elect a successor to a **Director** elected by it; and **(C)** the Purebred Arabian Trust shall select a successor to an office/**Director** appointed by it; and Be It Further

Resolved, That Article IX, Section 2, sub-section (a) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

The President and Vice President shall be elected by a majority vote of the Credentialed Members ~~present at the Annual Convention~~ for a period of two (2) years until adjournment of the second Annual Convention following his or her election. The two (2) At-Large Vice Presidents shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Trustees. (Res 1-25); and Be It Further

Resolved, That the last sentence of Article XI, Section 2, paragraph (c), sub-paragraph (i) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

The Nominating Committee shall also cause the ~~Arabian Horse Association~~ to distribute, **at least ten (10) days** prior to **the vote for the** election ~~for of~~ the President, Vice-President, **and/or** each of the three (3) Directors; to be elected by the Credentialed Members ~~present at the convention, his or her~~ **the** biographical information **submitted by** ~~as detailed on the standard biographical information form for each~~ **qualified** candidate put forward **for vote**, as determined by a majority vote of the nominating committee having determined such nominee meets the above requirements, (Res. 1-25); and Be It Further

Resolved, That Article XI, Section 2, paragraph (c), sub-paragraph (iii) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

To cause ~~the Arabian Horse Association~~ **a Association** to distribute each nominee's biographical information as detailed on the standard biographical information form **(A)** to each Voting Delegate in the Delegate Convention Packet; **(B)** ~~and~~ to each Non-Delegate voting member **attending Convention** in a supplemental voting packet; **and (C) to each Member entitled to vote pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph F via e-mail, at least ten (10) days** prior to the election, and (Res. 1-25); and Be It Further

Resolved, That the last sentence of Article XI, Section 2, paragraph (c), sub-paragraph (iv) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

In the event there were no Candidates put forward from the Nominating Committee for an open position, then and only then, Nominations may be accepted from the floor **and shall thereupon be distributed to each Member entitled to vote pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph F via e-mail.**

Effective: December 31, 2026

(If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)

RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard _____ Extraordinary X "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

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PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

The proponent has obtained information that all Credentialed Members could vote through the Election Runner platform for a service fee of \$1,058.58 (i.e., \$0.09 per eligible voter), based on 11,762 adult and life Members.

111 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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113 Contact Person:

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115 SUBMITTED BY: San Joaquin Valley AHA

Region Number: 2

116 ☒ Member Organization ☐ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (*check one* ☒)

117 Who voted: ☐ Members ☒ Board ☐ Delegates (*check voting body*)

118 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 5 Number of Yes votes: 5 Number of No votes: 0

119 How vote was taken: ☐ mail _ email/other electronic means ☐ phone ☒ meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with*
120 *majority of yes votes*)

121 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With the Club (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

122 Date vote taken: August 10, 2026

123 Contact Person: Nancy Goertzen (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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