

Proposed Amendment to the AVA Bylaws

Title: RD Election Procedures

Motion: Amend Article VI to Clarify RD election procedures.

Current	Changes	If Adopted
6.6(c) The Regional Nominating Committee shall report to the Members in its Region by letter at least thirty days prior to the membership meeting where the election will be conducted.	6.6(c) ...will be conducted. <i>Nominations from the floor shall be permitted.</i> <i>[second sentence added]</i>	6.6(c) The Regional Nominating Committee shall report to the Members in its Region by letter at least thirty days prior to the membership meeting where the election will be conducted.
6.6(d) ...The election may take place at a regular or special regional meeting or by mail ballot. ...	6.6(d) ...The election may take place at a regular or special regional meeting or by mail ballot.	6.6(d) ...The election may take place at a regional meeting or by mail ballot. Nominations from the floor shall be permitted.
6.6(f) The results of such election shall be delivered to the National Secretary at the regular membership meeting of the AVA. The Secretary shall announce the results of the election to the meeting and shall report the results in the minutes of that meeting.	6.6(f) The results of such election shall be delivered <i>by the Regional Director</i> to the National Secretary <i>within 10 days</i> at the regular membership meeting of the AVA. The Secretary shall announce the results of the election <i>at a regular membership meeting</i> and shall report the results in the minutes of the meeting.	6.6(f) The results of such election shall be delivered by the Regional Director to the National Secretary within 10 days. The Secretary shall announce the results of the election at a regular membership meeting and shall report the results in the minutes of the meeting..

Rationale:

Nominations from the floor are permitted for national offices but the bylaws are mute regarding Regional Directors. The change would permit nominations from the floor for RDs too.

The AVA Bylaws (Article IV) do not identify regular or special regional meetings so reference to them is not appropriate.

Since the RD is responsible for the conduct of the election, S/he should report the results promptly to the Secretary. **[Note:** At the 2013 biennial regular meeting the RDs announced the results of the RD elections to the meeting, not the Secretary as required by the bylaws. If the NEC prefers that the RDs make the report, we need to amend these bylaws.]

Sponsor: Bylaws Committee

The National Executive Council recommendation: Approve