

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

1. ARTICLE IV, MEETINGS, 4.1 Regular Membership Meetings, 1st Sentence – change to read

“A regular meeting of the AVA shall be held in April, May or June of every odd numbered year, unless ordered by the National Executive Council”.

Rationale – this provides more flexibility in scheduling conventions.

2. ARTICLE V, OFFICERS, 5.7 Term of Office, 2nd Sentence – change to read

“The term of office shall begin on July 1 following the close of the regular membership meeting at which National Officers were elected”.

Rationale – this would provide for standard two year terms no matter when regular meeting held. It would allow turn-over time for new officers.

3. ARTICLE VI, REGIONAL DIRECTORS, 6.7 Term of Office, 2nd Sentence – change to read

“The term of office shall begin on July 1 following the close of the regular membership meeting at which the election of the Regional Director was announced”.

Rationale – same as for change to Term of Office for Officers.

4. ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP, 3.1 Regular Membership, (b) State Organizations – delete the phrase

“or annual fees” from the end of the last sentence.

Rationale – the NEC voted to have state associations pay dues as one measure to reducing deficit. This change allow for this.

5. ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP, 3.6 Fees and Dues, (d) Annual Dues, (1) Regular, 1st Sentence - change to read

“Regular. Regular member clubs, state associations and all associate member clubs shall pay annual dues”.

Rationale – same as 4 above.

6. ARTICLE X, COMMITTEES, 10.3 Standing Committees – change to read

“There shall be the following standing committees: Audit, Bylaws, Convention, Publicity, and Standards and Evaluation”.

Rationale – The Bylaws are the governing rules of the AVA. To recognize the importance that Texas law places on the Bylaws and at the suggestion of the Audit Committee, this change ensures that a committee is instantly available to consider all Bylaw changes which may arise and make appropriate recommendations.