

The Constitution and By-laws committee took the task to update our constitution and by-laws in 2011 to reflect the changes in the club as well as in communication means. We had three remaining By-law changes to complete this task. In addition the “Mr Satin” committee has recommended a change in the name of the award (and thus a change in committee name). All four of these By-law changes are below for you to look over. These will all be voted on at NASS in Fort Worth. I appreciate your support in the updating of our Constitution and By-laws over the past year.

The Executive Board has also asked the committee to write up the necessary changes in order to change the position of Secretary-Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position. The committee agreed to draw up the necessary changes but asked that letters to the membership be printed explaining both the pros and cons of this proposal. These letters should be in this newsletter. The proposed changes have been submitted to the Executive Board and may also be included. I ask that you thoroughly research both sides of the issue prior to receiving the ballots.

William Bryan, chair  
C, BL & SR committee

### **Proposal 1**

Current:

By-laws Article IV Section 1. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint the standing Department and Committee Chairman and Committee members, as authorized herein. The term of each Committee, and Department Chairman and Committee member shall be one (1) year. The President shall have authority to make such replacements as are considered to be in the best interest of the Association.

Change. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint by January 31<sup>st</sup> the standing Department or Committee Chairmen and Committee members, as authorized herein. The term of each standing Committee, Department Chairman and Committee member shall be through the later date of either December 31<sup>st</sup> or date of appointment of replacement. The term for any special committee shall be completion of their assigned task. The President shall have authority to make such replacements as are considered to be in the best interest of the Association.

### **Proposal 2**

Current:

By-laws Article VII Section 4. The Executive Board may, on all matters regarding interpretation, conduct routine or special business, hold hearings, and reach decision by mail vote.

Change: The Executive Board may, on all matters regarding interpretation, conduct routine or special business, hold hearings, and reach decision by a recorded means of communication. This can include but is not limited to electronic correspondence, teleconference and video conference. Votes to be reported in the Secretary’s minutes.

### **Proposal 3**

Current:

Show Rules Article I. Section 7. Set of rules and printed forms for listing the winners and exhibitors to be furnished the show secretary by the Secretary of the ASRBA, same forms filled out and returned to the Sweepstakes Points keeper of the ASRBA, along with tear sheet from their catalog featuring Satins, within thirty (30) days after close of show.

Change: Set of rules and forms for listing the winners and exhibitors to be furnished to the show secretary by the Secretary of the ASRBA, same forms or an electronic version with same information to be filled out and returned to the Sweepstakes Points keeper of the ASRBA, within thirty (30) days after close of show.

### **Proposal 4 –changing Article IV Section 14 and Article V**

Current:

Article IV.

Section 14. “Mr.” Satin Committee:

- A. The President for the purpose of nominating members for the “Mr.” Satin award shall appoint a committee consisting of not less than five (5) persons. They should be past honorees of the “Mr.” Satin award.
- B. The Committee will consider all members who meet the requirements for the awards. Any ASRBA member is encouraged to recommend another member to this Committee for special consideration as a worthy honoree

Change

Section 14 ASRBA Distinguished Member Award Committee

- A. The President for the purpose of nominating members for the “ASRBA Distinguished member” award shall appoint a committee consisting of not less than five (5) persons. They should be past honorees of the Mr. Satin or ASRBA Distinguished Member award.
- B. The Committee will consider all members who meet the requirements for the awards. Any ASRBA member is encouraged to recommend another member to this Committee for special consideration as a worthy honoree

Current:

Article V “Mr. Satin”

Section 1. Nominee must have been a paid up member of the ASRBA for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive years.

Section 2. Nominee must have been outstanding in the overall promotion of Satins (Particularly on the National level), active in the ASRBA and active in raising and exhibiting Satin rabbits.

Section 3. The ASRBA “Mr.” Satin Committee will submit a maximum of three names to the ASRBA Secretary by August 15 of each year.

Section 4. The Secretary will mail copies of the nominee's resume and a ballot to the members of the Executive Board and "Mr." Satin Committee for their consideration and vote (one ballot per person). An option of, no Honoree this year, to be included on the ballot.

Section 5. The Nominee receiving the highest number of votes will be declared that year's Honoree. In case of a tie, the President will break the tie.

Section 6. The Honoree will receive a suitable plaque and Life Membership in the ASRBA.

#### Article V "ASRBA Distinguished Member"

Section 1. Nominee must have been a paid up member of the ASRBA for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive years.

Section 2. Nominee must have been outstanding in the overall promotion of Satins and/or Mini Satins (Particularly on the National level), active in the ASRBA and active in raising and exhibiting Satin and/or Mini Satin rabbits.

Section 3. The ASRBA Distinguished Member Award Committee will submit a maximum of three names to the ASRBA Secretary by August 15 of each year.

Section 4. The Secretary will mail copies of the nominee's resume and a ballot to the members of the Executive Board and Distinguished Member Award Committee for their consideration and vote (one ballot per person). An option of "no Honoree this year" to be included on the ballot.

Section 5. The Nominee receiving the highest number of votes will be declared that year's Honoree. In case of a tie, the President will break the tie.

Section 6. The Honoree will receive a suitable plaque and Life Membership in the ASRBA.