

ASRBA Constitution, By-laws and Show Rules Committee Report – April 2018

The membership will be asked to consider one constitutional change and two by-law changes later this year. The constitutional change ballot will be included with the election of officer's ballot this fall. The two by-laws revisions will be voted upon at the ASRBA general membership meeting at the ARBA Convention in MA this fall.

Constitutional Change: This change is being presented by the Executive Board. The current language in Article II, Section 6 requires the Executive Board to hold two annual meetings, one at our NASS and one at the ARBA Convention. The Executive Board would like to see this language changed to make their meeting at NASS optional. There are time constraints at NASS which make the Executive Board meeting difficult to schedule. Exhibitors, including our Executive Board members, usually arrive on Fridays and have to coop their rabbits, visit with old and new friends and handle any sales. Saturday is busy showing rabbits and the evening banquet. Sunday is finishing judging if necessary, the general membership meeting, our auction and pack up/departure. Constitutional changes in recent years allow ASRBA business to be discussed and decided electronically (see By-Laws Article VII, Section 4). If this change in language is approved the President could still schedule an Executive Board meeting at NASS if necessary for any reason.

Current language:

Article II, Section 6. To hold semi-annual conventions for its members, and meetings for its members and Executive Board.

Change to Article 6. To hold semi-annual conventions for its members with general membership meetings at each of these conventions.

New Article 7. To hold an annual meeting at the ARBA Convention for the Executive Board. The President may schedule an Executive Board meeting at the National All Satin Show if he/she deems necessary.

By-Laws Changes:

The first change is recommended by the C,BL,SR Committee to Article VII, Section 4. With the possible increase in electronic business we want to be sure that any such electronic business is fully reported to the ASRBA membership.

Current language:

Article VII, Section 4. The Executive Board may, on all matters regarding interpretation, conduct routine or special business, hold hearings, and reach decisions 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.

Change to Section 4. (language remains the same except the last sentence which is proposed to read as follows). Motions/issues and votes to be reported in the Secretary's minutes and published in the next available Satin News.

A second change is requested by the Executive Board to Article IV, Sections 4.A. and G.I. The Executive Board is proposing we eliminate ASRBA designated headquarters at the ARBA Conventions and change the Housing and Banquet Committee title to Banquet Committee. It is often hard to find suitable block of rooms in many cities and in recent years fewer ASRBA members have stayed at the Satin Headquarters. Most exhibitors tend to choose from the official ARBA blocks. Even if no ASRBA Headquarters is designated, ASRBA members can still arrange to stay at the same location.

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Change to Section 4.A. In the listing of ASRBA Convention Committees change the Housing-Banquet Chairman to Banquet Chairman

Change to Section 4. G. 1. As follows: G. Convention Banquet Chairman shall; 1. Arrange for a suitable Satin and Mini Satin Banquet facility.