

AVA Rule Book changes

Purpose: *Promote consistency in consecutive year Ballot Committee members but not an unlimited term position*

AVA Constitution and Bylaws, Article V, Committees, Section 2.b. Ballet Committee:

b. **Ballot Committee** – A Ballot Committee of three members plus two (2) alternates of eligible Individual Members who are not members of the Board of Directors or Nominations Committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board to count the ballots. No more than two (2) members of this committee (including alternates) may be members of the same Region and no two (2) members may be affiliated with the same Club. No one shall serve on the Ballot Committee for ~~two (2)~~ more than four (4) consecutive years.

Approved by the AVA Board January 2014
Needs approval by the AVA Membership

Purpose: *clarify attendance and AVA membership requirements for elected officials. Proposal to remove in its entirety, current Article II Board of Directors (see Standing Rules, Section II, Vice Presidents for more information) and replace with the following:*

ARTICLE III — BOARD OF DIRECTORS (see Standing Rules, Section II, Vice Presidents for more information)

Section 1. The number of Directors shall not be less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty-nine (39). At each official election, the number shall be determined by the Board of Directors, prior to the election. ~~Directors of the Board and Officers shall be elected from the eligible Individual Members.~~ Those nominees receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of Board vacancies will be elected to the Board on a mail ballot. Regional Supervisors, duly elected by the Region or approved by the Board of Directors, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. In addition, the founder and first President of the American Vaulting Association shall be a lifetime voting Director with the title of “President Emeritus”.

Section 2. Directors shall serve two-year terms, beginning at the first Board of Directors meeting following the election. One half of the directors shall be elected each year, to insure a rotating Board as well as continuity.

Section 3. Directors of the Board members, Executive Officers, and Regional Supervisors (elected official) shall be elected from eligible Individual Members in good standing and shall maintain a current AVA Membership while serving in an elected capacity, participating in a Board Meeting or conducting the business of the Association. Any elected official failing to maintain a current AVA Membership may not participate in Board meetings and/or other Association business until the AVA membership is brought current. Any missed Board meetings during the lapse in membership shall be considered an unexcused absence (See Section 4.)

~~Section 4. Directors and Officers shall miss no more than one (1) meeting per term. Board members Directors and Officers who miss more than one meeting are automatically excused removed from the board unless said board member submits a written appeal to the Executive Board and will be notified in writing (including electronic mail) within 14 days of the second missed meeting, and. An elected official removed from the board may submit a written (including electronic mail) request to the President prior to a missed meeting or within 14 days of being notified of removal to have the absence excused. The Executive Board may at its discretion grant the request or appeal and have the missed meeting be excused and, if necessary, the elected official re-instated. The decision of the Executive Board shall be communicated in writing within 14 days of the appeal is granted by the Executive Board. Excused board members. Removed elected officials are not eligible to be re-nominated or appointed for the next two (2) years. The President may appoint, and the Executive Board, by majority vote, may approve said appointment to replace said board member the removed elected official at its discretion.~~

Section 45. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, one-third of its members shall constitute a quorum. Directors shall, in case of absence from the meeting, wherever possible, communicate their positions in writing on the basis of the advanced agenda. Comments received by the AVA General Secretary in advance of a Board of Director's meeting will be distributed to all participants in the meeting. Regardless of the number of positions held by any individual serving on the Board (i.e. Board Member and Regional Supervisor; Board Member and Officer) no individual will be counted more than once toward the quorum and no individual has more than one vote on the Board of Directors.

Section 56. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association and may authorize or review contracts to be made by officers of the Association. Directors shall approve an annual budget. Directors shall establish annual membership dues by three-quarter vote of all directors. The Directors shall be charged with the responsibility of fulfilling to the greatest extent possible the purposes of this Association.

Section 67. The Board of Directors shall encourage and maintain open communication with the members in matters concerning the Association. The Board shall consult the members on any matters which, in its judgment, require the action of the general membership. The Board is subject to the orders of the Association, and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the Association.

Section 78. Violations of rules will be dealt with on an individual basis, and the Board of Directors reserves the right to impose fines, probations, suspensions or censures after mutual attempts have been made at an equitable solution.

Section 89. The final contract between the National Office Manager and the AVA shall be approved by the Executive Board.

Needs approval of the Board of Directors and the Membership

Purpose: To remove all awards from the Rule Book and delegating the responsibility overall coordination and management for all awards to the Awards Committee. Benefits:

- Allow more flexibility to add/delete/modify awards without having to change the Rule Book.
- Consolidate awards budgeting to a single committee.
- Consolidate awards purchases/contracts that may result in better pricing.

Although overall responsibility for awards management would be consolidated to the Awards Committee, establishment of awards criteria and award winners could be delegated to other appropriate committees or groups, e.g. Horse Award to the Horse Committee.

Proposal:

1) Delete Standing Rules Section X in its entirety.

2) Change Standing Rules Section III. Paragraph A to read:

A. Committee Chairmen shall manage their committee in accordance with the committee annually ~~prepare a~~ Charter that defines its duties, responsibilities, and scope of authority (see Appendix ###). Committee chairs shall prepare annual goals and priorities for approval by the Executive Board. ~~The Charter shall address the following: Mission, committee membership criteria, the scope of responsibility of the committee, the authority to act on its work or to make recommendations to the Board of Directors or the Executive Board, and annual priorities. The Charter shall be prepared in the format provided by the National Office.~~

3) Add to the Standing Rules, before the Rules for Vaulting Appendix ### to define committee Authority.
