

## ARTICLE VII: ELECTION OF OFFICERS – revised 2/9/2023

### Section 1.

Any adult who has been a member in good standing for at least two (2) consecutive years, and seeks to run for any elective office open that year, shall send a nomination bid to the Secretary of the Association to be received no later than July 1st of that year.

### Section 2.

Candidates for Board of Directors shall be grouped by Districts. Association members will be permitted to vote only for the candidates within their districts. Within 10 days after the filing date, the Secretary shall advise the ACBA Journal Editor of the candidates and their bids, which will be published in the August ACBA Journal.

### Section 3.

The nine (9) districts of the ACBA shall be:

District 1: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Northern Asia (Japan) and Western Canada

(Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon Territory).

District 2: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah, Mexico, Southern Asia, Australia.

District 3: Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

District 4: Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Mexico, Central America.

District 5: Illinois, Kansas, Missouri.

District 6: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, South America.

District 7: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Europe,

Eastern Canada (Quebec, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward, New Brunswick).

District 8: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Central Canada (Manitoba, Ontario).

District 9: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Africa.

### Section 4.

The Secretary shall cause a ballot to be sent to each member who is eligible to vote. The list of eligible voters shall consist of all active adult members, as of August 1st, just prior to the ballot and vote. The ballots will be sent out via first class mail, no later than September 1st. Each ballot shall have complete instructions for the guidance of the voter. No ballot shall be counted that has been changed, tampered with or improperly voted. The ballots shall show the date on which the polls will close and shall contain a return envelope addressed to the Chairman of the Election Committee.

#### Section 5.

Each member voting shall mark his ballot and mail it in the preaddressed return envelope to the Chairman of the Election Committee. The Election Committee shall count all ballots that have been received prior to the closing of the polls.

#### Section 6.

Should any candidate for an elected office be unopposed, there shall be no election ballot issued for that position and the unopposed candidate shall be declared elected to said office by acclamation.

#### Section 7.

The election results will be turned over to the Executive Board at the AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONVENTION. The election results will be announced during the ACBA General Meeting, being held in conjunction with the ARBA National Convention. The individuals receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected and their names will be announced to the membership. All candidates will be notified of the election results either electronically or by first class mail within 7 days of the receipt of the results by the secretary.

#### Section 8.

All election results, candidates and ballot counts will be published in the next scheduled Journal of the ACBA (JACBA) and will be made available to the general membership at the general meeting.

#### Section 9.

In the event of a tie, an election to break the tie will be held within the district, within 60 days. The candidate then receiving the largest number of votes will be declared elected.

#### Section 10.

After the ballots are counted, they will be placed in a sealed envelope and forwarded to the Association Secretary, to be retained for one year. They will be opened only in the event that a demand for a recount is made.

#### Section 11.

Any candidate defeated for any office of the Association requesting a recount of ballots shall make application to the Secretary. The recount application must be made within thirty (30) days following notification of the election results. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$20. A recount shall then be made by a committee of three (3). The person contesting shall pick one, the Board of Directors will select the other two (2) members for the committee. All three members of the committee shall be members in good standing of the ACBA. The Committee shall assemble and personally count all ballots cast for the office in dispute, and the report of the Committee's recount shall be certified to the Board of Directors and shall be final.

#### Section 12.

No member of the Election Committee can be nominated for office, or be holding a current office.