

# CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE

The following Amendments to the Constitution will be submitted for approval to the 2014 Annual Convention of Delegates. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY.

Per Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution, Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the convention delegates present and voting at the ACoD. Those proposals receiving a favorable vote will be considered an Amendment to the ASFA Constitution and By-Laws. Such Amendments will be published on the ASFA website following the 2014 ACoD, and will go into effect on January 1, 2015.

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*(underlined are additions, strikethrough removed.)*

## PROPOSAL #1

### Article IV, CONVENTIONS, MEETINGS, DELEGATES and VOTING

Section 2. Annual Convention of Delegates. There shall be an Annual Convention of Delegates held in March or April of each year. The location ~~should~~ shall rotate across the country so that each section of the country will have the opportunity to host the convention ~~once every three (3) years~~. Sections are:

West: Regions 1, 2, 3 and 10;

Central: Regions 4, 5 and 6;

East: Regions 7, 8 and 9

This rotation will be followed if reasonably possible, but if there appears not to be support for a Convention in a particular area, as of the time the Site Selection Committee solicits proposals, then the Committee may recommend an alternate location, with the decision to be made at the upcoming Convention.

The ACoD Site Selection Committee shall, during the year prior to each ACoD, determine the section of the country that will be the site for the ACoD ~~two~~ three years hence and shall solicit written proposals from clubs or other groups ~~from within that section~~. The solicitation process will involve the Regional Directors, working together within a section, to put together proposals. Proposals will follow guidelines as set forth by the Site Selection Committee. The goal is to provide quality locations at a reasonable cost to attendees. The Site Selection Committee shall then recommend to the Board of Directors a list of sites for ACoD consideration from the submitted proposals. ~~Such proposals shall specify the site, potential hotels for the ACoD, and information on accessibility, costs, and other relevant circumstances. The Site Selection Committee shall then recommend to the Board of Directors no more than four sites for ACoD consideration from the submitted proposals.~~ The Board of Directors must select a site for the convention from the list recommended by the ACoD Site Selection Committee.

**Rationale:** *These changes further the purpose to allow leeway in the event a site in the stated rotation of the three regions of the country is not available then an alternate site can be sought. It also asks for involvement of the RDs. The aim is to keep the rotation but allows for flexibility so that we can have a quality ACoD while keeping the costs affordable for clubs and delegates.*

*The Committee recommends that the ACoD approves the proposal.*

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## PROPOSAL #2

### Article V, DIRECTORS and OFFICERS

**Section 3. Regional Directors.** The ten (10) Regional Directors shall be elected for two-year terms by the member clubs in the respective areas during the odd numbered years as provided in Article VI, and shall serve until their successors take office or are appointed by the Board. They shall represent the various regions of the country as defined below:

### Article VI, THE ASSOCIATION YEAR, NOMINATIONS, and ELECTIONS

**Section 4. Regional Director Nominations.** Candidates for Regional Directors shall be nominated by the club delegates from member clubs located in each respective region during the month of October of each even numbered year. Such nominations shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary and shall be accompanied by written acceptance of the nominee. No person may be nominated or accept a nomination as Regional Director who has been elected to the position of Regional Director in each of the preceding two regularly-scheduled elections, or who has, within the preceding year, accepted a fee over and above expenses for handling a hound at a sanctioned lure field trial, or for performing or assisting in the performance of the duties of the officials of a sanctioned lure field trial. No club delegate may nominate more than one candidate for Regional Director. If no eligible person has been nominated by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the respective year in a Region, the Board of Directors shall appoint an Interim Director for that Region, to serve until an eligible person has been nominated and elected. Such Interim Director shall take office on January 15th, and need not reside within the Region he represents. Interim Regional Directors would not affect the eligibility of any person to serve as Regional Director.

### Section 5. Regional Director Elections. (new (c) )

(c) If an Interim Director has been appointed under the provisions of Section 4 above, and a nomination for an eligible candidate is subsequently received by the Corresponding Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary shall then send each member club delegate a notice that a ballot will be sent on a specified date, approximately 45 days later. All eligible nominees whose nominations have been received at least seven days prior to the specified date for sending the ballot will be included on such ballot. The procedures specified in Section 5(a) above will be followed for such election, with dates modified as appropriate to the specified ballot mailing date.

#### ***Rationale:***

*To have a method by which a Region would not be without a Regional Director should there be no nominations forthcoming when the Corresponding Secretary solicits them. Additionally, this would provide that a nomination would be accepted later if none are received at the specified time.*

*The Committee recommends that the ACoD approves the proposal.*

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## PROPOSAL #3

### Article V, DIRECTORS and OFFICERS

**Section 5. Vacancies.** Any vacancies occurring among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next Annual Convention of Delegates by an affirmative vote of a majority of the then members of the Board, except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be automatically filled by the First Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of First Vice President shall be automatically filled by the Second Vice President. Any vacancies occurring among the Regional Directors shall be filled by a majority of the votes by the member club delegates representing the respective region.

### Article VI, THE ASSOCIATION YEAR, NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

**Section 5. Regional Director Elections.** (a) The Corresponding Secretary shall send each member club delegate a ballot including all nominees by November 15 of each even numbered year. Each member club delegate shall then have until January 1 to return a marked ballot to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall tally the ballots received by January 8 which were posted on or before January 1, and record the vote. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast in each region shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, only the two candidates (more only if required by a tie) receiving the highest number of votes will be included on the re-ballot. Whenever such a re-ballot is necessary, within thirty (30) days of the preceding ballot deadline the Corresponding Secretary shall send each member club delegate a new ballot containing the remaining candidates. Each member club delegate will then have thirty (30) days following the postmark date of the ballot in which to return to the Corresponding Secretary a marked ballot. This process shall continue until the election is resolved or, in the event that two consecutive ballots produce neither an elected official nor any elimination of candidates, shall draw lots to determine who shall be elected to the office....

***Rationale:***

*To make it clear in all parts of the Regional Director elections that it is only member clubs that are eligible to nominate and vote.*

*The Committee recommends that the ACoD approves the proposal.*

## PROPOSAL #4 (a)

*The following are alternative proposals.*

### Article VI, Section 2 – Officer Nominations

(a) The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the time of each Annual Convention of Delegates held in an odd numbered year. The committee shall include one (1) member of the Board of Directors and two (2) representatives from member clubs. The committee shall submit a list of nominees for officers ~~to be published in the Field Advisory News at least 150 days prior to the next Annual Convention of Delegates.~~ to the Corresponding Secretary no later than October 1 to be distributed to the delegates of all member clubs and to the ASFA website no later than October 15 of the year prior to the next Annual Convention of Delegates. Each member club shall have ~~forty-five (45) days following such publication until November 30~~ to submit additional nominees for officers which shall be circulated to each to the

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Corresponding Secretary for distribution to delegates of all member clubs and to the ASFA website no later than December 15 of the year prior to the next Annual Convention of Delegates. Such nominations must be agreed to by the nominee and carry the endorsement of the nominating member club, written copies of both of which shall be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary.

**Rationale:**

*The existing method of publicizing the slate of candidates nominated for officer elections in the Field Advisory News is outdated. This proposed text preserves the intent of the original to provide timely notice of the slate to member clubs as well as sufficient time to nominate others they feel are worthy. Specifying key deadlines as calendar dates rather than a count of days before the ACoD makes it easier for everyone to know when nominations and notifications are due.*

*The committee recommends the ACoD reject the proposal.*

## PROPOSAL #4 (b)

### Article VI, Section 2 – Officer Nominations

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**Rationale:**

*This only changes Field Advisory News to the ASFA website and maintains the number of days prior to the ACoD because the ACoD dates can and do change.*

*The Committee recommends that the ACoD approves the proposal*