

## CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE

The following Amendments to the Constitution will be submitted for approval to the 2021 Annual Convention of Delegates. THIS IS A PROPOSAL 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 2021 ACoD, and will go into effect on 1 August, 2021.

*CRC Committee: Ping Pirrung, Chair; Jennifer Gysler, Scott Hurlburt, Russ Jacobs, and Leigh Littleton*

### PROPOSAL #1:

#### Article IX DISCIPLINE

**Section 2:** ~~Should~~ The charges may be sustained by a simple majority vote of those present, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and defendant, ~~;~~ The Board may then, by a two-thirds majority vote of those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the ASFA for a finite period of time following the date of the hearing or, by a majority vote of those present, issue a reprimand, which shall detail the misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the ASFA. ~~In such case~~ The suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before the ensuing Annual Convention of Delegates. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Recording Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary in turn shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any. Any sustained charges or penalties will be published in the official ASFA publications.

### PROPOSAL #2:

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

**New Section 3:** Whenever possible, the ACoD should be held in a physical location, with all ACoD Delegates attending in person. However, should the ASFA Board determine that it is substantially impractical to host a physical ACoD, they may choose to host a virtual or electronic ACoD, using such technology as seems best at the time. When such a decision is made, all clubs will be notified as soon as possible, but in no event less than 60 days prior to the scheduled date of the ACoD, along with an explanation of the reason for the shift to a virtual meeting. Clubs may override such a Board decision to meet virtually by an affirmative vote of 1/3 of the member clubs. To do so, the clubs shall submit a petition to the Corresponding Secretary within 30 days of

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publication of the Boards decision to move the ACoD to a virtual meeting. Upon receipt of a petition to override signed by the club delegates of one-third of the member clubs in good standing the Corresponding Secretary shall proceed with publication of the time and place of a physical ACoD. The petition shall state the objection to the ASFA Board's vote to host the ACoD virtually. The Board must have in place clear policies that determine when such a shift may take place, and how such a virtual ACoD shall be run, including details about how voting will be conducted.

Renumbering of subsequent Sections.

### (current) **Section 5. Board of Directors Meetings.**

(a) The Board of Directors shall meet in person, at least once each fiscal year at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Should the ASFA Board determine that it is substantially impractical to host a physical Board Meeting, they may choose to host a virtual or electronic meeting, using such technology as seems best at the time. Notice of each such meeting shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board of Directors. The Board must have in place clear policies that determine when such a shift may take place, and how such a virtual Board Meeting shall be run, including details about how voting will be conducted.

(b) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct its affairs by mail. Questions to be voted upon submitted by the President or by one-third of the members of the Board shall be distributed to members of the Board by the Corresponding Secretary within three (3) days of receipt. Each member of the Board shall have fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing to send comments to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall distribute such comments and a ballot to the Board members within three (3) days from the expiration of the period for comment. Each member of the Board shall then have fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing to return a marked ballot to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall tally the ballots received and, if a majority of the members of the Board have responded, shall record the vote on the question and distribute the results to the members of the Board.

(c) The Board of Directors shall also have the authority to conduct its affairs via electronic meetings. Meetings held in this manner shall follow the ASFA Electronic Meetings Procedures, a Board policy found in the ASFA Administrative Policies.

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### PROPOSAL #3:

#### **Article VIII EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS**

The Board of Directors may, after notification to the clubs, implement experimental programs on a trial basis, without revising the running rules. Such programs shall, whenever possible, be parallel and supplementary to established programs, and shall be reversible in any circumstances where hound records may be affected. Under no circumstances shall experimental programs be implemented in conflict with the Constitution. After one year, the results of the program must be posted on the ASFA website, published in the ASFA Communiqué and sent to each club delegate. After the Board of Directors presents a complete report on the results of the Experimental Program to the ASFA clubs, the experimental program may continue until the ACoD when the vote is conducted. After reporting, the subsequent ACoD must vote to approve or disapprove the establishment of a permanent program based on the experimental program. Upon ACoD approval, the experimental program shall continue until the running rules change(s) ~~is/are approved~~ go into effect.

If the experimental period requires substantive changes in the program, the Board of Directors may approve an additional implementation period as a trial for those changes, not to exceed a total of two years from initial implementation to an ACoD vote.