

**Nominations & Credentials Agenda  
San Antonio, Texas  
2017**

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Committee Guidelines
3. Meeting Protocol
4. Nominations for Committee Chair (Saturday)

**Agenda Items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:**

5. Modify Bylaw Article IV Section 7 as follows:

All vacancies in the elective and appointed offices of AQHA ~~may shall~~ be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term and those so appointed shall serve until the election and acceptance of their duly qualified successors.  
[member recommendation = replace word “shall” with “may”]

6. Modify Bylaw Article V Section 2 as follows:

The President shall be the ~~chairperson chief executive officer~~ of the AQHA Board of Directors and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall see that the bylaws, rules and regulations of AQHA are enforced, and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The President shall be ex officio member of all committees.  
[member recommendation = replace word “chief executive officer” with “chairperson”]

7. Modify Bylaw Article VI Section 2(a) as follows:

**Executive Vice President:** The Executive Vice President is the chief ~~operating~~ **executive** officer of AQHA, and, pursuant to direction of the Executive Committee, shall implement the actions, decisions and directions of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.  
[member recommendation = replace word “operating” with “executive”]

8. Modify Bylaw Article IV Section 9 (see attached)

**Honorary Vice President Deliberations & Recommendations for Elected Directors**

9. Honorary Vice President Deliberations
10. Recommendations for Elected Directors - to be reviewed in the following order –  
(Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington/Alaska, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Saskatchewan, and Mexico)
11. Election of Committee Chair
12. Adjourn

**Agenda Item #8  
Nominations & Credentials Committee**

**MODIFICATIONS TO ARTICLE IV SECTION 9**

**Section 9. (a)** At the New Board Meeting of the annual convention, the Board of Directors shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and two additional members.

**(b)** Prior to such election, a committee chaired by the newest Past President and composed of Past Presidents registered with and attending the annual convention shall present a slate of nominations for the Executive Committee positions described above to the Board of Directors for its consideration and vote.

**(c)** After such slate has been presented to the Board of Directors, the President will open the meeting for additional nominations, if any, from the floor. Nominations received from the floor will be received only in opposition to a particular individual, and not in opposition to the total slate.

**(d)** In order for a candidate not currently on the Executive Committee to be eligible to be nominated **at the New Board Meeting** by the committee of Past Presidents or nominated from the floor **at such meeting**, the following requirements must be met:

**(i)** on or before November 1 of the year prior to the election, the Executive Vice President must receive the candidate's written resume and a written nomination from a voting Director; and

**(ii)** the candidate must have personally appeared for an interview before the committee of Past Presidents at the annual convention **prior to in the same year of** the election.

**(e) If there are less than 3 candidates that meet the requirements in (d)(i) above, the Past Presidents may submit resume(s) and written nomination(s) of additional candidate(s) which must be received by the Executive Vice President on or before December 1. Such candidates shall also be eligible to be nominated at the New Board Meeting by the committee of Past Presidents or nominated from the floor at such meeting so long as such candidate(s) personally appeared for an interview before the committee of Past Presidents at the annual convention in the same year of the election.**

**(f)** 30 days prior to the election, the Executive Vice President shall:

**(i)** forward to the Past Presidents the resumes and nominations referenced in (d)(i) **or (e)** above; and

**(ii)** provide notice to the Board of Directors regarding the candidates meeting the requirements in (d)(i) **or (e)** above. Such notice shall contain information regarding the candidates' names, residences (city/state), and number of years of service on the AQHA Board of Directors.

**(g)** The Past Presidents shall annually interview all of those candidates who meet the requirement in (d)(i) **or (e)** above.

**(h)** At the close of nominations, the President will conduct the election, either by voice vote, show of hands or secret ballot as a majority of the Board of Directors directs.

**(i)** In the event an individual is nominated in opposition to and is elected over a current Executive Committee member, the newly elected individual will fill the lowest Executive Committee office while current Executive Committee members, if re-elected, will graduate to the next highest Executive Committee position.