

Elections Committee Report April 2019

During training sessions for the AVVA directors regarding the State At-Large Elections, the board members and I discovered several areas that needed to be improved upon. The elections committee has made these changes along with other additions. They are ready for approval by the Board Members at our meeting in April, 2019, and will be ready for the elections in 2020.

The committee's major goal was to take an in depth look at the policy (again) and make some more clarifications and updates to the policy. One of the most important changes was to inform unincorporated chapters that they can hold an election for a chapter representative – even if there is only 1 member in that chapter. The committee has completed this project and it will be presented to the board members in April, 2019, for their approval.

National Delegate registration began on January 2, 2019. The registration form is fillable and may be saved from the AVVA website. You may scan them and email them to: Kayegardner@aol.com or you may mail them by US mail to my address on the form.

All National positions were open to any qualified member of AVVA. Positions are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 9 regional directors and 9 deputy directors.

I feel that we have an excellent slate of candidates to be voted upon by the delegates at the Convention in July. Please go the AVVA website at: avva.org - in order to review the candidates and read their bios.

Please send your delegate and alternate delegate registrations to me as soon as possible. Information on this form should be completed for both the delegate and the appointed alternate delegate. If the delegate will not be attending the convention they should write a note on the form: "I will not be attending the convention." I will then know to expect the alternate delegate in their place.

Dates for the 2019 AVVA National Elections:

National Candidate and Delegate Registration began on January 2, 2019

National Candidate Registration - must be postmarked by April 1, 2019 (Monday)

National Delegate Registration - must be postmarked by June 19, 2019

AVVA Convention Registration – must be postmarked by June 7, 2019

National Convention Elections will be held – Friday, July 19, 2019

As a reminder, **all delegates and alternate delegates must also complete the AVVA Convention Registration form.** This form and your registration payment must be sent to the **VVA National office** - at the address on the left side of the form. In addition, this will allow you, as a delegate, to be seated on the convention floor. If not a delegate and you have paid to attend the convention, then you will be seated in the back of the room.

The National Elections Committee is comprised of the following members: Suzie Meeks, Ann Rice, Kathy Andras, Nancy Montgomery, and me.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye Gardner,
Elections Chair