

Elections Committee Report

October 2018

Section 5 of the Policy and Procedure Manual (P & P) was updated in April of this year to agree to the AVVA By-Law changes which has been voted on and approved at our Convention in New Orleans in 2017. In addition, we made some housekeeping updates. The current policy is posted on the AVVA website. Please take time to review it. Also on the website is a new "Election Sign-In Sheet".

While I was holding training sessions for the AVVA directors regarding the State At Large Elections, the board members and I discovered several areas that need to be improved. Some of these include: deadline dates missing, which members that should not be notified of the election, and a couple of word changes. The committee should have these changes made and approved by the Board meeting in April 2019, and ready for the elections in 2020.

Our goal is 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 is to let unincorporated chapters know that they can hold an election for a chapter representative – even if there is only 1 member in that chapter.

National Candidate and Delegate registration will begin on January 2, 2019. Please send your delegate and alternate delegate registrations to me as soon as possible. The registration forms are 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 the address on the form.

All National positions are open to any qualified member of AVVA. Positions are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 9 regional directors and 9 deputy directors. Qualifications for the positions are located in section 1 of the P & P. Please consider running for a National office.

Dates for the 2019 AVVA National Elections:

National Candidate and Delegate Registration will begin January 2, 2019

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

National Delegate Registration - must be postmarked by June 27, 2019

National Convention Elections – Friday, July 26, 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 form.

The National Elections Committee is comprised of the following members: Suzie Meeks, Ann Rice, Kathy Andras and I. We are available for any help which you may have.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye Gardner,
Elections Chair