

Elections Committee Report

July 2017

The past 16 months have been busy and exciting for me as Chair of the Elections Committee. I was appointed as the chair in late April of 2016 after the former chair (Elayne Mackey) became the AVVA National Vice President. My goal was to learn about the AVVA election processes at all levels of our organization in order to assist our chapters and states with their elections. Elayne has been patiently advising and teaching me about AVVA elections.

The Elections committee has accomplished some major tasks/goals. Section 5 of the Policy & Procedure (P & P) manual underwent a major review and reorganization of the Elections policies. Suzie Meeks volunteered to start the procedure and eliminate the redundancies in this section of the P & P. She did an outstanding job and I thank her very much. The rest of my committee helped immensely with their input and knowledge of election procedures. I made many phone calls to them for their help and ideas.

We accomplish the writing of the Elections Committee Policy for Section 11 of the P & P. I started this task by referring to the By-Laws and other portions of Section 11 to get an idea of how to write this policy. The committee members reviewed what I had written and made suggestions. The National board approved the policy at the October BOD meeting.

We made it through the chapter and state elections in 2016 as a team of committee members and regional directors. Our election data base is maintained by Suzie Meeks and she records the election results for all of AVVA - by chapter and state within each of the 9 regions. This is maintained strictly by AVVA without any help from VVA.

As time is growing closer to our National Elections in August, we have successfully registered our delegates to the AVVA National Convention. Thanks to help from the AVVA Membership Chair, Cecilia Essenmacher, delegates have been verified and will be able to vote at the convention.

After the elections, Section 5 will have to be reviewed and revised because of the By-Laws changes voted upon at the convention. In addition, other situations have come to our attention which will need to be addressed in Section 5.

The current Elections committee consists of Ann Rice, Suzie Meeks, Kathy Andreas and myself. Earlier on, Diane Nicholson was a member of the committee but had to resign because of family issues. I want to thank my committee members for their help and support during my term as Elections chair and their service to AVVA. You are hereby released from your duties as a member of the Elections Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye Gardner,
Elections Chair