

# The Election Committee Report

October 2016

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

Suzie has done an excellent job updating and maintaining the election data base. In the future, the Regional Directors need to remember to report the election results as you receive them – not all at one time. By doing so, this makes Suzie’s job easier and helps her maintain an accurate data base for future National elections.

Section 5 of the Policy and Procedure Manual (P & P) has undergone a major revision. We completed this project and it was sent to the Board Members on August 22, 2016, for their review, comments, and questions. The Board members will vote on whether to accept this revision of Section 5 in October at the National Board Meeting.

The undertaking of this project was overwhelming for me as I had no prior experience with the AVVA election processes – except at Chapter and State levels. I depended heavily on Suzie and the rest of my committee for their help and expertise. Many hours were spent on telephone calls and e-mails to the committee. Sharon Hobbs helped immensely with her knowledge of the National process and helped tweak the grammar and other necessary “essentials” of the AVVA elections.

I think it is very important to mention that none of the voting processes have changed. We got rid of the redundancies and tried to state the policies in plain language. Referrals to the AVVA Bylaws were made in the appropriate places in Section 5. We started the improved policy with the most important items on page 1. Suzie conferred with Elayne Mackey prior to starting her task – regarding what Elayne considered the most important items for the AVVA membership. Many, many thanks to go to Suzie for starting the task and her continued help with this major undertaking. In addition, I would be remiss if I did not thank the rest of the committee (especially Ann) for their valuable input as well.

In addition, the Elections Committee has reviewed the election forms and made necessary changes in order for the forms to be ready for use by delegates and candidates starting in January of 2017 - prior to the National elections on August 12, 2017, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dates for the 2017 AVVA National Elections have been determined:

National Candidate and Delegate Registration will begin January 2, 2017.

National Candidate Registration - must be postmarked by April 1, 2017.

National Delegate Registration - must be postmarked by July 12, 2017.

I look forward to continue working with the committee members as we are a team working together.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kaye Gardner,  
Elections Chair