

Elections Committee Report

October 2017

The AVVA National Elections were held on Friday, August 11, 2017, at the AVVA National Convention in New Orleans, LA. Officers, Regional Directors and Deputy Regional Directors were elected for the next two (2) year term. I want to thank everyone who helped me register the delegates and set up the AVVA convention hall. Special thanks to Suzie Meeks, Ann Rice, Rosie Wright, Nancy Montgomery, Susan Price and Cecilia Essenmacher.

This was my first time to run a National Election. I was apprehensive about speaking in front of the delegates as I had never spoken to such a large room full of people. I got through it and learned to be calm in the process.

The new Elections Committee has been formed and will be voted upon at the October Board of Directors meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland. After approval by the BOD, the committee will begin the process of reviewing and changing election forms for the upcoming State and Chapter elections in 2018.

The candidate and delegate process this year has brought to my attention, the need to make some changes to Section 5 of the P & P regarding AVVA elections. The most important changes will be made after By-Law changes are voted upon at the Convention.

As a reminder for the 2018 elections:

- 1) Chapter elections will be held in April for both unincorporated and incorporated chapters.
- 2) State elections will be held between January 1 and June 30 for both unincorporated and incorporated states.
- 3) State at-large representative election process begins January 15th and should be completed by early to mid-March. Complete instructions for this process are located in Section 5 of the Policy & Procedure Manual.

If you need assistance regarding your elections, please reach out to the committee for help. The committee members are Kathy Andras, Suzie Meeks, Nancy Montgomery, Ann Rice and I.

I look forward to working with the committee members as we will be a team working together.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye Gardner,
Elections Chair