

March 18, 2020 STATE AND CHAPTER ELECTIONS

NOTICE: Due to the current national situation many chapter and state meetings are being postponed and canceled; most notably the April chapter meetings. The AVVA Executive board has approved a plan to temporarily waive certain parts of our bylaws and policy in order to expedite our chapter and state elections in a safe, verifiable manner for those chapters or states who cannot hold their elections under the normal regulations.

If you can and are planning to hold your elections (*state or chapter*) in the normal manner, or have already held your election, you may ignore this notice. If you are experiencing postponements or cancelations, please read the following:

State Elections:

For the foreseeable future, Letters of Intent for AVVA state elections that have not yet been held and will not be held until on or after June 30th will be accepted until May 15th, 2020. (Or 45 days before your election date whichever comes **first**)

If the deadline for Letters of Intent passes and there is not more than one (1) candidate for any individual position in your state, the election will be declared settled by *acclamation, by agreement of the current state representative or president and the election chair (or person overseeing the election). **NOTE:** If there is no current state representative then the person running the election will partner with another AVVA or VVA member to validate the declaration. The subsequent election results form will be signed by both parties.

(*Acclamation: (of election) by virtue of being the sole candidate.)

If the deadline for Letters of Intent passes and there is more than one candidate for any individual position in your state, there are two (2) options:

- a. You may reschedule your election meeting for another date, no later than Sept 30, 2020, and follow normal deadline regulations for paperwork at that time. **OR**
- b. You may elect to hold an online meeting with programs such as Zoom, or you may request to hold an online meeting using Go-To-Meeting by sending your request to the National Vice-President, Kaye Gardner (kayegardner@aol.com). She will assign a person to open the meeting for you and provide instructions on the use of this program. After such meeting the usual election result form must be turned in to your regional director.

As usual, An Election result form will be filled out and sent to the Regional Director, who will verify the information and send the form to the national elections chair using the normal deadline requirements. The national election chair will then send all result forms to the national database manager for entry into the National Database. . **NOTE:** If you have no regional director, send your form to the national elections chair at: nmontgomery@cox.net .

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Chapter Elections:

For the foreseeable future, Letters of Intent for AVVA chapter elections that have not yet been held and will not be held until at least June 30th will be accepted until April 30th. (Or 30 days before your election date whichever comes first.)

If the deadline for Letters of Intent passes and there is NOT more than one (1) candidate for any individual position in your chapter, the election will be declared settled by *acclamation, by agreement of the current chapter representative or president and the election chair (or person overseeing the election). **NOTE:** If there is no current chapter representative then the person running the election will partner with another AVVA or VVA member to validate the declaration. The subsequent election results form will be signed by both parties.

(*Acclamation: (of election) by virtue of being the sole candidate.)

If the deadline for Letters of Intent passes and there IS more than one candidate for any individual position in your chapter, there are two (2) options:

- a. You may reschedule your election meeting for another date, no later than Sept 30, 2020, and follow normal deadline regulations for paperwork at that time. **OR**
- b. You may elect to hold an online meeting with programs such as Zoom, or you may request to hold an online meeting using Go-To-Meeting by sending your request to the National Vice-President, Kaye Gardner (kayegardner@aol.com). She will assign a person to open the meeting for you and provide instructions on the use of this program. After such meeting the usual election result form must be turned in to your state representative.

As usual An Election result form will be filled out and sent to the state representative or president, who will verify the information and send the form to their regional director using the normal deadline requirements. The regional director will send the results to the national election chair who will then send all result forms to the national database manager for entry into the National Database. **NOTE:** if you have no state representative send the results form to your regional director. If you have no regional director, send your form to the national elections chair at: nmontgomery@cox.net.

Please know that your national executive board is acting in the best interest of our members, to the extent that we can manage this current situation. Everyone - spread the word to your fellow members, and stay safe!

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