

ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS.

Section 9.1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Board of Directors of the Association, Category Chairs, and Region Chairs. Members of the Nominating Committee may nominate candidates for elective offices, but must do so prior to July 1 of the year of the election.

Section 9.2. Elections

- 9.2.1 Annual Elections.** Each year, an Annual Meeting of the Members shall take place on the second business day after September 8 for the purposes of conducting elections for directors. Such meeting of the Association shall take place at the National Headquarters in Eastpointe, Michigan and the APBA President shall preside thereat.
- 9.2.2 Candidates.** A person may be a candidate for one office only and must be a member in good standing as of August ~~10~~ **1 (beginning 2021)**, in the year of the election. In the case of multiple nominations must notify the National Headquarters on or before August 15, which single office he/she is seeking, **(beginning 2021) accept the nomination and provide a biography. Failure to do so will remove the candidate from the ballot.** Any candidate listed on the ballot shall be ineligible for write-in candidacy for another office.
- 9.2.3 Voting Rights.** Except as provided in 9.2.4, Paragraph (b), each member and all member clubs in good standing as of August ~~10~~ **1 (beginning 2021)**, of the year of election regardless of whether a club, individual, partnership or corporation, that are otherwise entitled to vote shall be entitled to one vote for each vacancy for member-elected offices.
- 9.2.4 Voting Procedure.**
- (a) Proxies.** Each year, on or before August 20, an official ballot/proxy survey platform shall be transmitted via email to each member in good standing entitled to vote bearing each and every name placed in nomination for each elective office and space for write-in vote for each position vacancy. Such ballot/proxy shall nominate the President of the Association to vote in the member's stead at the Annual Election of Directors. In order to be valid, ballots/proxies for election purposes shall be submitted no later than September 1.
 - (b)** No person shall be entitled to vote more than once regardless of the number of memberships such member might hold in this Association, except those members who are eligible to vote as individuals and also as authorized representative of a member club or corporation.
 - (c)** Members may "write-in" a member's name on the ballot/proxy form. The write-in candidate must be a member in good standing as of August ~~10~~ **1**

(beginning 2021), in the year of election.

- (d) The Election Results shall be announced after independent, outside review and certification of the ballots received has been reviewed by the APBA President.**
- (e) Any person receiving a plurality of the votes cast for any position shall be elected to such position.
- (f) In the event that two candidates receive the same number of votes, the tie will be broken by a single coin toss.
- (g) The President shall certify the results of the elections and APBA HQ shall notify the members of the results.

Section 17.2. Organization.

- 17.2.1** The United States and all other areas within the scope of the operations of the American Power Boat Association, shall be divided into Regions, the extent and boundary lines of which shall be determined and fixed by the Board of Directors and may be altered from time to time by the Board of Directors as the best interest of the Association may require. Any change in existing boundaries or the creation of new Regions, however, shall only be made at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which two-thirds are present, and in the notice of said meeting, the proposed changes are to be set forth in detail.
- 17.2.2** For an event that occurs on inland bodies of water that are adjacent to different regions, the sanction applicant shall decide in which region the event occurs.
- 17.2.3** Each club or individual, upon acceptance as a member of the Association, shall automatically become a member of the Region in which the club or individual is located.
- 17.2.4** The affairs of each Regional Organization shall be managed by a Regional Board of Directors. The number of Regional Directors shall, however, be not less than three (3).
- 17.2.5** Each member of the Region shall be entitled to one vote for all the members of the region Board of Directors and all Regional Officers.
- 17.2.6** For each Region, APBA will conduct an election of its ~~Directors, Officers and Category Commissioners shall be sent to APBA HQ.~~ **Region Chair and Category Commissioners, as well as any other Region Officer deemed necessary by each specific Region.** Elections will be conducted on a survey platform via email. ~~This will ensure all Region Members have a voice in Region elections.~~ There shall be no alternative Region Bylaw or rule adopted for Region elections.
- 17.2.7** Regional Elections: The election of ~~Regional Directors and Officers~~ **Region Chair, Category Commissioners, and agreed upon Region Officers** shall be conducted as follows: -
- a. **Nominations** for Region **Chair, Directors, Officers and** Category Commissioners, **and agreed upon Regional Officers** shall be sent to APBA HQ by the current Region Secretary no later than September 10. All candidates must be a member in good standing by August ~~10~~ **1 (beginning 2021)** of the election year. An official ballot, in survey platform, shall be transmitted by APBA via email to each member in good standing, no later than September 15. Ballots must be received by APBA no later than September 22. Each election shall be decided by a majority vote, tabulated by the first business day following October 1 for all positions for the next year. The ballot, or notification of the

survey platform, will be sent to the members' email address on file at APBA. Members may correct or verify their email address with APBA prior to August 1 preceding the elections.

- b. The Region Chair shall be elected to a 2-year term ~~beginning in 2020~~. There shall be no limit to the number of terms.
- c. **Category Commissioners shall be elected to a 1-year term. There shall be no limit to the number of terms. (beginning in 2021)**
- d. All other positions within the Region shall be elected annually.

~~17.2.8 Vacancies that occur in elective offices after the election shall be filled by majority vote of the Regional Board of Directors. All regional officers and committees shall hold office until the next regional annual meeting or until their successors are elected or appointed, as the case may be.~~

- ~~a) Each Region shall have the following Officers. Duties include but are not limited to the following.~~

~~**Region Chair**~~

~~Attend and represent the Region at the APBA annual meeting~~

~~Preside over all Region Meetings~~

~~Attend and represent the Region at all Council meetings and conference calls~~

~~**Region Vice Chair**~~

~~Assist the Chair in fulfilling their duties~~

~~**Secretary**~~

~~Keep the minutes of each Region Meeting~~

~~Send notice of meetings to the APBA HQ for member notification~~

~~Facilitate the election of region officers.~~

~~**Treasurer**~~

~~Keep an accounting of region funds~~

~~Submit invoicing to clubs for payment of region fees accrued at an event~~

~~Provide an accounting of region funds to its members at each fall meeting or upon request of the Region Chair.~~

~~**Directors—3 members**~~

- ~~b) Committees of each Region shall consist of:~~

~~Safety and Rescue Committee~~

~~Officiating Committee~~

~~Category Activity Committee~~

~~The members of these committees will be appointed by the region chair and should include a member from each active category in the region. The committees so appointed will elect their chair.~~

- 17.2.9** In the event the Regional Annual Meeting is not held prior to November ~~20~~ **10** *(beginning 2021)*, or that a region is left without a Region Chairman and successor, the APBA President shall appoint a temporary Region Chairman for the region in default. Within 15 days of this appointment, the temporary Region Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee and shall designate a Chairman thereof. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall file his report within 10 days thereafter, and the temporary Region Chairman shall call and conduct the annual regional meeting within 30 days thereafter.
- 17.2.10** By November ~~20~~ **10** *(beginning 2021)*, or within 2 weeks after Elections have closed, whichever is earlier, the Region Secretary or Chairman shall furnish the APBA HQ with a list of the names and titles, of the new Region Officers, and Region Board of Directors.
- 17.2.11** A region shall have the power to adopt such rules and regulations for its own government and for the government of its officers and committees as it sees fit and to amend its own Region Bylaws; provided, however, that such local rules and regulations and amendments are not inconsistent with the Articles and Bylaws of the Association, the Region Bylaws, or such rules or regulations as the Board of Directors may from time to time adopt.