

**Nominations & Credentials Agenda
2018 Convention
Jacksonville, Florida**

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Committee Guidelines
3. Meeting Protocol
4. Nominations for Committee Chair (Saturday)

Agenda Items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

See attachment regarding proposed modifications to Bylaws (agenda items 5-9 below)

5. Modify Bylaw Article III Sections 1(a)(13) and 1(g) to create a 10 year term limit for three categories of Directors—(1) Elected Directors, (2) International Directors and appointed International Directors. Summary:

With respect to Elected Directors and International Directors, the ten year term limit only applies to Elected Directors and International Directors that are (a) elected to the Board for the first time at the upcoming 2018 Membership Business Meeting or (b) elected to the Board at future Membership Business Meetings. Upon reaching the ten year term limit, such individual is ineligible for election as an Elected Director or International Director for a period of 1 (one) year.

With respect to Appointed International Directors, the ten year term limit only applies to Appointed International Directors that are (a) appointed for the first time to serve on the Board at the 2018 Annual Convention or (b) appointed to serve on the Board at future Annual Conventions. Upon reaching such term limit, such individual is ineligible to be appointed as an Appointed International Director for a period of 1 (one) year.

Upon reaching the term limit, Elected Directors, International Directors and Appointed International Directors are ineligible to elevate to Director Emeritus; however, they may elect to elevate to Director Cum Laude.

IMPORTANT: The above proposal does **NOT** set a term limit for Elected Directors, International Directors and Appointed International Directors that served on the Board in 2017 and maintain continuous service thereafter. Such Elected Directors, International Directors and Appointed International Directors are exempted from the term limit and may continue to serve on the Board as long as they so choose subject to their being re-elected or reappointed each year. Furthermore, this proposal does **NOT** apply to Directors Emeritus, Directors-At-Large, Honorary Vice Presidents and Past Presidents all of whom shall continue to have lifetime tenure on the Board. Finally, Elected Directors, International District Directors and Appointed International Directors that served on the Board in 2017 may continue to accumulate years of service towards being elevated to a Director Emeriti, Director-at-Large or Director Cum Laude.

6. Add a new Bylaw Article III Section 1(e) to create a new category of Directors—**Directors Cum Laude**. Summary:

The Directors Cum Laude category is in recognition of the individual who has served ten (10) prior consecutive years as an Elected Director, International District Director or Appointed International Director. Upon serving such ten years, such person may, but is **not** required to, elect to become a Director Cum Laude.

Upon such election, he/she will continue as an Elected Director, International District Director or Appointed International Director until the next Annual Membership Meeting, whereupon he/she will automatically be elevated to Director Cum Laude, thereby creating a vacancy to be filled by either the (1) election of an Elected Director or International District Director in his/her Representative District or International District subject to the Annual Allocation or (2) the appointment of an Appointed International Director subject to Article III Section 1(f).

Directors Cum Laude have lifetime tenure of the Board but do **not** have voting privileges. Furthermore, Directors Cum Laude do **not** have to serve on an AQHA Standing Committee if they so choose.

7. Modify Bylaw Article III Sections 1(c)(d)&(f) to require all Directors with voting privileges to timely submit their Year End Directors Survey and IRS Form 990 Board of Directors Annual Reporting Questionnaire failing which they shall be automatically removed from the Board (if they are an Elected Director or International Director) or lose their voting privileges (if they are a Director Emeritus, Director-At-Large or Honorary Vice President).
8. Add a new provision to Bylaw Article III Sections 1(c)(d)&(f) specifying that Directors Emeritus, Directors-At-Large and Honorary Vice Presidents do **not** have to serve on an AQHA Standing Committee if they so choose (same as Directors Cum Laude).
9. Modify Bylaw Article III Section 1(f) to rename the International District “Oceana and Others” to “Australasia-Africa”.

Honorary Vice President Deliberations & Recommendations for Elected Directors

10. Honorary Vice President Deliberations
11. Recommendations for Elected Directors - to be reviewed in the following order – (Indiana, Kansas (2 positions), Louisiana (2 positions), Maine, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma (3 positions), Oregon, West Virginia, Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Belgium)
12. Election of Committee Chair
13. Adjourn