

Ameraucana Breeders Club
2016 Election

Slate of Officers

Select any candidates that you approve. You can select all or zero if you do not approve any.

Nominations for the 2017-2018 Board of Directors were open from July 15th to August 15th. As per our Constitution, no other candidates were nominated, so the slate was approved by acclamation.

The 2017-2018 Board will be:

Clif Redden - President

Susan Mouw - Secretary/Treasurer

Jean Ribbeck - Western District Director

Gordon Gilliam - North Central District Director

Larry Clionsky - North East District Director

Don Cash - South East District Director

Paul Smith - South Central District Director

Candidates Selection

Current Slate

Constitutional Amendment - Board Member Eligibility

The Ameraucana Breeders Club has welcomed all who wish to learn more, are breeding/raising, or would like to start breeding/raising Ameraucana chickens. We encourage our members, or those that would like to become members, to research information, find mentors, and share their experiences through every means possible.

That may include being a member of another breed club that also has as its focus, the Ameraucana breed. We have many members now that are members of both the ABC and the Alliance and we're happy that we're able to share our experiences, knowledge, and joys/heartbreak of breeding across club lines.

When a member becomes a part of the Board, the level of their activity within the Club changes and should be more focused on the ABC. The job of any Board member is to promote the ABC, encourage/mentor new members, and strive to foster growth and stability within the Club.

With that in mind, and after much discussion, the Board is proposing the following changes to the Constitution and By-laws. Please read, review, and feel free to comment.

The affected paragraphs, as they currently read:

Article III - District Directors

The District Directors shall be responsible for actively promoting the club and its' activities, including the placing of an annual District meet within their individual districts. They shall also represent the club, place all district, state, and special meets within their district and report the results of meets within their district in the quarterly district report submitted to the secretary/treasurer for publication in the quarterly bulletin, and carrying out

Ameraucana Breeders Club

2016 Election

details for the National meet when held within their district. Each District Director shall serve as an officer on the Board of Directors, have a vote in determining club policy, assist with coordinating club meets within their district, and take an active part in the recruitment of new members.

Select one of the responses.

Options Selection

Yes

No

Constitutional Amendment - Election Commissioners

With the advent of online voting, and the additional security and anonymity it provides, the ABC is moving forward with an online election application, Election Buddy. Election buddy will send out emails to the registered voters (all active members with an email address), providing a link to the election. At the end of the election, Election Buddy tallies the votes and returns a report that gives the totals for each portion of the election. No one, not even the admin that sets up the election in election buddy, knows who voted for whom.

There are some members who prefer to do things the back-to-basics way with a printed ballot and an address to mail it in to. For those members, election buddy prints out a coded ballot (to avoid duplication of voting) and our President will name an Election Commissioner to tally those votes and turn in a report at the end of the election. Since those ballots do not have a name, not even the mail-in Election Commissioner will know who voted for whom.

There are a few changes in the Constitution to make these changes official and you will be seeing this as an option on this year's ballot.

Here is how it reads now:

Article V - Election Commissioner

An Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the president. The Commissioner shall receive all ballots directly from the membership, tally them, and promptly forward the results and the ballots to the Secretary/Treasurer.

And, the proposed changes

Article V - Election Commissioner

Election Commissioner(s) shall be appointed by the President: (Add - one for electronic online voting and one for mail-in paper ballots). The Commissioner(s) shall receive all ballots, from the source assigned to them, directly from the membership, tally them, and promptly forward the results (Remove "and the ballots") to the Secretary/Treasurer.

Ameraucana Breeders Club
2016 Election

(Add the following paragraph)

Both Election Commissioners, electronic and paper, are required to provide a full tally of votes for each item in the election. Neither electronic or paper ballots, with voters' names attached, shall be shared with anyone, nor information about how any member voted be shared. All votes shall remain anonymous.

Select Yes to approve this change or No to not approve this change.

Options Selection

Yes

No

Constitutional Amendment - Meet Policy

We've already effectively changed this - it is a minor change to the Constitution to make the change final.

Here is how it reads now:

Article VIII - Club Meets

The Ameraucana Breeders Club shall hold an annual National meet to be rotated clockwise each year among the club districts. The District Director will place the National meet by November 15th for the following year. If it is not placed, with notification to the Board, by that date the Director of the next District in rotation will have 30 days to place the National meet. Should a district be unable to host the National meet in its allotted turn the meet shall pass on to the next district in rotation.

Annual State meets and Special meets shall be placed by the District Director at the request of any member in accordance with the ABC Meet Policy.

The proposed changes:

Article VIII - Club Meets

The Ameraucana Breeders Club shall hold an annual National meet to be rotated clockwise each year among the club districts. The District Director will place the National meet by November 15th for the following year. If it is not placed, with notification to the Board, by that date the Director of the next District in rotation will have 30 days to place the National meet. Should a district be unable to host the National meet in its allotted turn the meet shall pass on to the next district in rotation.

(Replace "Annual State meets and Special meets" with "All other Club meets") shall be placed by the District Director at the request of any member in accordance with the ABC Meet Policy.

Select Yes to approve this change or No to not approve this change.

Options Selection

Yes

No

Ameraucana Breeders Club
2016 Election

Constitutional Amendment - Dues

Last year, the Board approved a plan to permit those joining in the last quarter of the year, to pay a prorated dues amount, if they paid for the following year at the same time. That seemed to work very well, but in order to keep doing that, we would need to change some wording in our Constitution. Here is what it says now:

Article IV – Dues

Annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be payable on January 1st for each calendar year.

This is the change the majority of the Board approved:

Article IV – Dues

Annual (Add "and or prorated dues") shall be set by the Board of Directors. (Add "Annual dues" shall be payable on January 1st for each calendar year.

Select Yes to approve this change or No to not approve this change.

Options Selection

Yes

No

Constitutional Amendment - President Succession

We currently have no order of succession if the President is unable to fulfill his/her duties. The Board has approved the following proposed changes.

Here is how the Section appears now:

Article V – Organization

Section 1.

The officers comprising the Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

President

Secretary/Treasurer

District Directors

Section 2.

Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership to a term of two years beginning on the first day of January following election. Any officer may be a candidate for reelection.

Section 3.

Ameraucana Breeders Club
2016 Election

Open positions on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a person selected by the President and approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The following Section would be added:

Section 4.

Should the President be unable to fulfill his or her duties, he can appoint a successor from the current Board members. That person must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. If the Board is unable to approve the appointee or the President is unable to appoint a successor, then the order of succession would be as follows:

1. District Director from the same District as the President. If unwilling to accept, it would fall to the next level.
2. District Director with the most years on the Board. If unwilling to accept, it would fall to the next level.
3. District Director with the most consecutive (without gaps or lapses in membership), years of membership in the Club.

Select Yes to approve this addition or No to not approve this addition.

Options Selection

Yes

No

Constitutional Amendment - Non-profit status

This statement is required in order to comply with requirements for non-profit status, which we will be seeking in the next year. This basically just means that no member may use Club assets - such as funds, property, or even membership listings for their own personal gain or use.

The way it reads now:

Article II – Purpose

A. The purpose of this club is to encourage the continued improvement of Ameraucana bantams and large fowl through breeding, exhibition, and dissemination of relevant information.

The proposed change:

Article II – Purpose

A. The purpose of this club is to encourage the continued improvement of Ameraucana bantams and large fowl through breeding, exhibition, and dissemination of relevant information.

(Add the following paragraph)

B. The Ameraucana Breeders Club will not be operated for profit, and no part of any profits or residue from dues

Ameraucana Breeders Club
2016 Election

or donations will inure to the benefit of any member or individuals.

Please select Yes to approve this change or No to not approve this change.

Options Selection

Yes

No

Please mark your selections on each of the 7 questions above and return the ballot in the stamped, addressed envelope enclosed. If you misplace the envelope, the address for the mail-in Election Commissioner is:

Jeffery Vance
PO Box 380
Brenton, WV 24818