

■ CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

The ADGA Board of Directors voted to allow online voting as an option for the director election. This amendment would change the ADGA Constitution to reflect this decision and allow the option to vote electronically while retaining the option to still vote by paper ballot. References to the Association Manager will be addressed in the amendment regarding Executive Director Role. Details and how to request a paper ballot will be left to office procedure. The voting company that will be chosen will have the option to run a certified election and ADGA will choose that option

Pros: Members will have the option to vote in a way most convenient for them. This may increase voter participation. The ballots will be cast with a certified outside voting company. This change would reduce cost to complete the director election.

Cons: Membership will no longer have the option to have individual members observe the counting of ballots.

Proposed by:

District I: Cox, Toth District II: Snyder, Adels District III: Owen, George, District IV: Foster, Blosser, Jodlowski District V: Dorsey, Warren-Hughes District VI: Lawson, Losey District VII: Satter, Rovey District VIII: Rowe, Bozzo-Baldenegro

Current Wording Reads:

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal and enforce rules and regulations not contrary to law, the

Certificate of Incorporation or this Constitution as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management and activities of the Association, all, however, subject to revisions or amendment by the Members under the procedure as follows:

a. Under petition to the Secretary Treasurer by no less than three percent (3%) of the Members petitioning from each Directorial District, the proposal to revise or amend action of the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the Members by mail by the Secretary Treasurer in the next general membership mailing provided that mailing occurs within ninety (90) days of the receipt of said petition. Otherwise, a special mailing must occur. Calculation of Members eligible to petition shall be based on those Members as of March 1 in the year of the Board action, and in good standing as of the date of petition submission to the Secretary-Treasurer.

b. The voting shall be closed forty-five (45) days after the referendum has been mailed to the Members.

c. Within thirty(30) days following the vote, the Board of Directors shall provide for the tabulation of the vote and declare the results. The referendum shall become eligible when a favorable vote has been declared.

d. The petition must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer within twelve (12) months from the date of the Board action. For referendum purposes only, the date of action for decisions made by postal ballot shall be based on the date of the annual meeting at which these decisions were presented and reviewed.

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bers as of March 1 of each year and only those Members may participate in the elections provided for hereafter.

Section 4. On or before May 1 of each year the ADGA office shall compile a complete list of Members as of March 1 of that year and shall make this information available to each Member. The Members shall be listed in alphabetical order in separate lists for each state. The states comprising a Directorial District shall be grouped together under the name of their district. On or before May 1 of each year, the Secretary-Treasurer shall mail each Member a blank primary ballot. In the explanation accompanying the primary ballot, the Secretary-Treasurer shall: a. explain the number of Directors to be elected; b. instruct the Members to make one nomination for each vacancy; and, c. direct the Member to mail his/her primary ballot in the return addressed envelope. No nomination ballots received after the first Monday in June of that year shall be counted. On the next business day, a Certified Public Accountant appointed by the President shall complete tabulation of all votes cast on the sealed ballots. The Certified Public Accountant shall mail a complete tabulation of all votes to the Secretary-Treasurer, as well as the Executive Committee, within two (2) days after the tabulation is made. The Secretary-Treasurer shall draw up a slate of two (2) candidates for each vacancy from those receiving the highest number of votes from each district, provided they are eligible as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws. In the case of a tie vote, the candidate who has held a continuous individual membership in the Association for the longest time shall be chosen. The Secretary-Treasurer shall promptly notify each candidate that has been selected by the primary balloting as a candidate for Director for his/her district and that his/her name will be included accordingly



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on the voting ballot for electing Directors unless he/she notifies the Secretary-Treasurer within twenty-four (24) hours that he/she declines the nomination. In the event a candidate declines nomination, the eligible candidate that received the next highest number of votes shall be substituted.

Section 5.a. On or before July 15, the Secretary-Treasurer shall send ballots with return envelopes to all Members, exercising due care that each Member shall be provided with the ballot intended for the Directorial District in which the Member resides; and he/she shall instruct the Member to return his/her ballot in the addressed return envelope. No ballots received after the second Monday in August will be counted. On the next business day, the same Certified Public Accountant appointed for the primary balloting shall complete tabulation of the sealed voting ballots. The eligible candidates receiving the highest number of votes in each District shall be declared elected. Ballots containing votes for a greater number of candidates than there are vacancies shall be void.

b. Within two (2) days after tabulation of the voting, the Certified Public Accountant shall to the Secretary-Treasurer, as well as to the Executive Committee, a complete tabulation of the voting ballots. The Secretary-Treasurer shall promptly send a formal notification to each of the candidates declared elected. In the case of a tie vote in the election of Directors, the candidate who has held a continuous individual membership in the Association for the longer time shall be declared elected.

Section 6.a. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have prepared the following form of ballot: At the top of the ballot shall be the name of the Association, also the name of the Directorial District for which the particular ballot is intended and the names of the States comprising the District. The election ballot shall contain an instruction to the voter to vote for the candidates for Direc-

torship from his/her District by making crosses in the spaces provided. Space shall be provided for writing in any additional names. The instructions to the voter on the primary ballot shall inform him/her as to the eligibility for candidates for Director consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association.

b. Each ballot shall have attached-by-perforation a stub. The stub shall have a designated place for the signature of the voter, his/her printed name, his/her membership number, and his/her State and Directorial District. The signature stub shall read: The Member shall mark his/her ballot in accordance with the instructions printed on the ballot. He/she shall then sign the signature stub and return ballot and stub in the envelope provided, following the instructions listed on enclosed "Ballot Envelope." Instructions on the Ballot Envelope shall read:

1. After marking Ballot, sign and detach "Signature Stub."

2. Place ONE BALLOT ONLY in this envelope and seal. If more than one ballot is in this envelope, those ballots shall be voided.

3. Place both this envelope and "Signature Stub" in the return envelope provided herewith and mail.

c. Upon receipt by the Certified Public Accountant, Signature Stubs will be deposited in a receptacle separate from Ballot Envelopes prior to the opening of the latter. When ballot envelopes are opened, it will not be possible to match Ballots with Signature Stubs. Secrecy of balloting will thus be assured.

d. If upon examination of the signature stubs by the Certified Public Accountant there appears dishonest balloting, the Certified Public Accountant shall make a complete report and mail it immediately to the Executive Committee for appropriate action. The Executive Committee shall make forthwith a complete report to

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PROPOSED WORDING:

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Delete: Articles VII Elections, section 6. Items b, c, d

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership expires at end of the current year for dues submitted January 1 to September 1 and at end of following year for dues submitted September 2 to December 31.

Regular Memberships are \$5 cheaper if renewed between September 2 and December 31 for the upcoming year.

Renew ONLINE in Minutes

If your membership is current, you can login to your account (<https://app.adga.org>) and click on the "Account" menu.

Click on "RENEW" next to the membership you want to renew.

Visual Instructions: <https://adga.org/membership-renewal>

Send in the PAPER FORM

It is possible to renew by downloading and filling in a paper form from: <https://adga.org/forms>

Look under the "Membership" forms.

