

ASRA By-Law Revisions

The following amendments to the ASRA By-Laws were approved by the Board of Directors at the June 18, 2009 meeting. These motions will be brought to the general membership for a vote it will be voted on by the general membership at the Annual Meeting, Sat., Nov. 14, 6 p.m. EST on the grounds of NAILE.

Approved Motion: To add Article IV, Section 6 to the Articles of Incorporation, which will read:

The Executive Committee of the Association will consist of the President, Vice President, most recent past President, and the Secretary/Treasurer.

Approved Motion: To change ARTICLE V, Section 3 to read the following:

Notice of the annual or special meeting of the members shall be served by postal mail to each active lifetime membership at such address as appears upon the records of the association. This notice must state day, hour and location of the meeting and must be given at least fifteen and no more than 45 days prior to the meeting. Notice can be made in the Official Publication of the Association in the issue preceding said meeting, providing the mailing falls within the appropriate time requirement. Notices regarding special meetings of the membership must state the explicit purpose of the meeting.

Approved Motion: To rewrite Article VIII, Section 1 to read:

Any person or persons interested in purebred Shropshire sheep and pays a lifetime membership is eligible to be a member of the Association.

Approved Motion: To strike Article VIII, Section 3 from the Articles of Incorporation. Passage of this motion will automatically renumber Article VIII, Section 4 so that it will be Article VIII, Section 3.

Article VIII, Section 3 (the motion we are recommending should be struck) currently reads:

Any owner of stock in the dissolved American Shropshire Registry Association will be issued a certificate of membership in this Association without charge upon surrender of his stock or satisfactory evidence to the Board of Directors of stock ownership.

Approved Motion: To add Article VII, Section 4 to the Articles of Incorporation, which will read:

Active lifetime memberships are defined as those which have paid annual dues in two of the preceding three fiscal years.

Note: Becky will be changing “annual service fees” on the registration forms to read “annual dues”.

Approved Motion: To rewrite Article X to read:

By-Law Amendments must first be adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Notice of the Board of Directors’ amendment adoption must be published in consecutive editions of the Official Publication of the Association. The second such notice will

include a time frame for the vote to take place. The official ballot will be distributed by first class mailing. Votes are limited to one per active membership. Completed ballots will be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer, who will be responsible for verifying there are no duplicate votes per membership. The Secretary/Treasurer and three Board Members appointed by the President shall be responsible for tallying the vote.

Approved Motion: To add Article VI, Section 2, Sub-point c, to the Articles of Incorporation, which will read:

“If a director is expelled from the board the President will appoint an individual from said district to finish out the term.

Lastly, Article III Section 2 requires: “every six years, beginning in 1994, the Board of Directors shall present to the Annual Meeting a proposal regarding the allocation of seats on the National Board.” In Fall 2008 the By-Laws committee evaluated memberships and registrations per state and district for each of the preceding three years. Based on this evaluation the Committee brought a redistricting recommendation to the Board. The Board opted to not adjust the Districts. The next evaluation of Districts should occur in 2014.