



USBCHA 2018 District 1 Ballot

Vote for one District Director

Joe Haynes

Vote for 1 Director at Large

Laura Vishoot

Stuart Ballantyne

Derek Fisher

BALLOT – BYLAW CHANGE

Yes: I vote to adopt the proposed amendment to Article 4.3 of the Bylaws to extend the Director's terms from two to three years. (The language if amended would read as stated below).

No: I vote against proposed amendment to Article 4.3 of the Bylaws and prefer to keep two-year terms for the district directors.

Proposed Article 4.3

4.3 Beginning with the election held in 2019, and in accordance with an implementation scheme developed by the Board of Directors, the term of office for each District Director shall be three years, commencing on November 15 of the year elected. No more than one Director from each District may be elected in a year. In addition to the District Directors, there are three Directors At Large. One (1) Director at Large term expires at the end of each alternating third year. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, effective for all terms commencing in 2012 and beyond, the term of the Directors is limited to a maximum of six consecutive years of service. For purposes of term limitations, terms commencing on November 15 of any year shall be considered as a term for the following calendar year. (Example: A term commencing in November 2016 shall be considered as commencing in 2017 and ending in 2018 for purposes of term limits.) Any Director serving a second two-year term ending in 2019, 2020 or 2021 may be reelected for a three-year term and may serve a total of seven years. The Board shall have the authority to determine the implementation of three-year terms consistent with this section, to be fully implemented no later than 2021.

Board Recommendation: The Board recommends adoption of the proposed amendment to Article 4.3

I certify that I am currently a General Member in Good Standing of the USBCHA.

You must have competed in an USBCHA open or nursery trial in the past 2 years

NAME & DATE OF LAST USBCHA OPEN OR NURSERY TRIAL COMPETED IN:

PRINT NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OR EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Mail or Email to:
USBCHA Secretary
1556 Harding St
Enumclaw, Wa 98022
secretary@USBCHA.com

Ballots must postmarked or emailed by Sept 7, 2018

Members:

For those of you at the 2017 Finals at Belle Grove, you may recall a discussion item suggesting that we amend the Bylaws to increase the Directors' terms from two years to three. The majority of those at the meeting favored the change. From my experience, it should be a minimum three-year commitment to maintain the most effective Board. Two years is just too short for a new Board member to get totally acquainted with the Association's business and, just as they hit their stride, their term is about to expire. The amendment will not affect term limits, which will remain at six consecutive years but an initial commitment of a minimum of three years will make for a better educated and more efficient Board.

Implementation of the bylaw change, if passed, could be a bit confusing at first. The Board is considering basically two alternatives. The first alternative would elect one-third of the Board each year, beginning next year. This alternative, however, would require that some directors would be elected for just two years in 2019 and 2020 and would not be fully implemented until 2021. The second approach would be to implement it with next year's election, electing half of the Board for three years. The second half would be elected in 2020 for three years and so on. We would either leave the at-large terms as is or change them so that on the year where no district directors are elected, we would elect the at-large directors. The Board would like member input on the two alternatives, so a non-binding survey question is included in the ballot following the vote on the amendment itself. The proposed language for the amendment is as follows:

4.3 Term: Beginning with the election held in 2019, and in accordance with an implementation scheme developed by the Board of Directors, the term of office for each District Director shall be three two years, commencing on November 15 of the year elected. Terms are staggered so that one (1) Director term from each district expires at the end of each year. No more than one Director from each District may be elected in a year. In addition to the District Directors, there are three Directors At Large. One (1) Director at Large term expires at the end of each alternating third year. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, effective for all terms commencing in 2012 and beyond, the term of the Directors is limited to a maximum of six consecutive years of service. For purposes of term limitations, terms commencing on November 15 of any year shall be considered as a term for the following calendar year. (Example: A term commencing in November 2016 shall be considered as commencing in 2017 and ending in 2018 for purposes of term limits.) Any Director serving a second two-year term ending in 2019, 2020 or 2021 may be reelected for a three-year term and may serve a total of seven years. The Board shall have the authority to determine the implementation of three-year terms consistent with this section, to be fully implemented no later than 2021.

The Annual Meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Wednesday evening September 26, 2018 at the Angus Ranch, 6578 County Road 58, Alturas, CA.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing those of you can attend the Annual Meeting.

Carol Clawson
President