

In 2018, AABP re-organized as a 501c6 and new Bylaws were drafted and approved by the Board. Revisions to the Bylaws are defined in Article XI Section I. The AABP Board of Directors discussed proposed revisions and then the Bylaws Committee made the following amendments which were submitted to Dr. Gingrich who notified the membership in the September newsletter and on the AABP website.

The following are the amendments to the Bylaws from the AABP Board of Directors:

1. **Article III: Members** – Inserted new Section 2 MEMBERSHIP to include Board approved restrictions.
 - a. Amendment: Admission to the Association may be denied for any reason deemed sufficient by the Board, even if the applicant meets the stated criteria for membership.
 - b. Rationale: To assure the membership of AABP remains focused on our core mission providing credible continuing education to bovine veterinarians.

2. **Article III: Members**– Renumbered TENURE to Section 3 and revised to include Board approved revocation of membership status.
 - a. Amendment: The Association, in the sole discretion of the Board reserves the right to revoke membership from any person whose conduct is deemed disruptive or contrary to the mission of the Association.
 - b. Rationale: To assure the membership of AABP remains focused on our core mission providing credible continuing education to bovine veterinarians.

3. **Article IV: Board of Directors** – Revised Section 5 C-E to adjust the voting process.
 - a. Amendment: The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be declared the winner. In the case of a tie, a second ballot will be distributed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Ranked-choice voting will be applied where the voting members will be asked to rank candidates based on their preferred order of choice. Members may also only select one candidate if they have no preferred secondary candidates. If a candidate wins an outright majority of the first-preference votes (ie. 50% plus one), that candidate will be declared the winner. If only two candidates are on the ballot and both candidates receive the same number of first-preference votes, second-preference votes will be counted. If more than two candidates are on the ballot and no candidates win an outright majority of first-preference votes, the candidate with the fewest first-preference votes will be eliminated. All first-preference votes for the failed candidate are eliminated, lifting the second-preference choices indicated on those ballots. A new tally will be conducted to determine whether any candidate has won an outright majority of the adjusted voters. The process will be repeated until a candidate wins a majority of votes cast.
 - b. Rationale: To harmonize the voting process using the same methodology as election of the Vice President and to address the event of a tie vote.

4. **Article V: Officers** – Revised Section 5 C-D to adjust the voting process.
 - a. Amendment: The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be declared the winner. In the case of a tie, a second ballot will be distributed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Ranked-choice voting will be applied where the voting members will be asked to rank candidates based on their preferred order of choice. Members may also only select one candidate if they have no preferred secondary candidates. If a candidate wins an outright majority of the first-preference votes (ie. 50% plus one), that candidate will be declared the winner. If only two candidates are on the ballot and both candidates receive the same number of first-preference votes, second-preference votes will be counted. If more than two candidates are on the ballot and no candidates win an outright majority of first-preference votes, the candidate with the fewest first-preference votes will be

eliminated. All first-preference votes for the failed candidate are eliminated, lifting the second-preference choices indicated on those ballots. A new tally will be conducted to determine whether any candidate has won an outright majority of the adjusted voters. The process will be repeated until a candidate wins a majority of votes cast.

- b. Rationale: To harmonize the voting process, to address the event of a tie vote and clarify the timing of announcement of the winner.