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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONVENTION

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Resolution Name: Mail Ballot Procedures Resolution #: 6 tesolution Tally Sheet Maker: Dunaway AFFECTS POLICY MANUAL: **SEC. 14** \bowtie Second: Valenta = Yes ABS = Abstain YES PXY = Proxy Vote = No N/A = Absent REC = Recuse NO 03/01/2018 Date: = Pass PASS Time: 12:01 p.m. COMMENTS: D C A D C PRES R С Ρ Ρ s S В D L L М 0 D 0 L Α F Α G R н н F Т Т U Ties Т W Х Α Α D L Х 0 L Breaker US Т AA Walsh-Martin Milenkovic Kaswinkel Trautman Sarnacki Sullivan Valenta Welpott Wroble Nikides Pennel Lewis Foust Ross Babi \boxtimes \boxtimes \boxtimes \boxtimes \boxtimes \square \boxtimes \boxtimes \boxtimes \boxtimes \boxtimes \boxtimes \boxtimes \boxtimes YES $[\Box]$ \square NO \square PASS ABS \square N/A \square \square \square ΡΧΥ REC YES: 0 NO: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0 ABSENT: 14 \square Withdrawn Show of Hands Status: Passed Failed Tabled

WHEREAS, the APFA Board of Directors is the governing body of the APFA; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Sections 3.L. (1) and (2) of the APFA Constitution authorize the Board of Directors to set policy for the APFA and to modify the APFA Policy Manual as it deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #3 passed by the Board of Directors in October 12, 2017, provides that the

upcoming National Officer re-run election will conducted by mail balloting, as will all future elections until such time that the Board of Directors chooses to revisit that decision; and

WHEREAS, APFA has resumed the practice of conducting mail ballot elections and is in the process of conducting and preparing to conduct a mail ballot election in coming months; and

WHEREAS, the mail balloting provisions of Section 14 of the APFA Policy Manual need to be updated periodically as the process for mail ballot elections is refined by the National Balloting Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached changes to Section 14 of the APFA Policy Manual be adopted.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY MANUAL SECTION 14

K. PREPARATION AND MAILING OF BALLOTS

In mail balloting, duplicate ballots will be issued, upon request, up to five (5)
seven (7) days prior to the ballot due date. In electronic balloting, instructions will be provided on the voting website.

L. POST OFFICE PROCEDURES

3. In mail balloting, no fewer than three (3) two (2) members of the NBC will meet at the designated post office at the designated time to retrieve the ballots. The NBC may require that the ballots be retrieved by the selected independent election agency. In such event, the members of the NBC must be present but they will act as observers only.

N. BALLOT COUNT

- 3. Secret Ballot Envelope Procedures for Mail Balloting
 - f. In the event that ballots are sent out with a stub that uniquely identifies each ballot, and a ballot is returned with the stub still attached, the stub will be separated from the ballot, and the ballot will be counted. In the event that a ballot is returned without a stub, the ballot will be deemed ineligible and will not be counted.
- 4. Challenged Ballot in Mail Balloting
 - b. Challenged Ballot Procedures
 - (1) Challenged ballots are shall be reviewed after the initial ballot count has concluded only in the event that the challenged ballots have the potential to change the outcome of any election. If, during the challenged ballot process, it is determined that the voter is eligible, the vote will be included in the certified results. Election officials should remember that it is always preferable to determine if a challenged ballot should be counted, rather than to risk denying an eligible member the right to vote. If challenged ballots are counted, the NBC will take appropriate steps to try to ensure the secrecy of the vote.
- 6. Voided Ballot Procedures for Mail Balloting Tallying by Electronic Scanner

a. In the event that mail ballots are tallied with the use of electronic scanners,

the NBC shall ensure that the electronic scanner system shall have the

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following capabilities:

- (1) Ballots, or images of ballots, that are designated as void or as containing overvotes or undervotes shall be capable of being segregated so that they can be inspected by the NBC;
- (2) If a voter has selected too many candidates for one or more office(s) / position(s) or if a voter has marked too many choices on an issue, the scanner system shall void only the particular office / position or issue involved by lining through the choices for that office / position or issue and marking "void" and initialing next to the vote being voided; and
- (3) If a voter fails to vote an any issue or for a candidate for an office

position, the scanner system shall memorialize the fact that no vote

was recorded for the office / position or issue in question on the ballot in question.

- b. Ballots that are designated as void or that are identified as containing overvotes or undervotes shall be inspected by the NBC after the initial ballot count has concluded only in the event that such ballots have the potential to change the outcome of any election.
- **bc**. The NBC shall keep a sufficient record of all rulings made with respect to questions of voter intent to enable the vote to be counted for the same candidate or issue in case of a recount.