

# MISSISSIPPI QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC. BY- LAWS

## ARTICLE IV

### Directors

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, District Directors, and Directors at Large, as hereinafter provided in Article IV, Section 3. ~~The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, together with the Vice President Emeritus and former Presidents and National Directors of the Association as Directors at Large as hereinafter provided in Section 3 of this Article IV, together with the elected Directors of the Association in good standing from each of the four (4) Districts in this State.~~ Such District Directors shall be elected at the regular annual meeting of the Association as follows:

The State shall be divided into four (4) Districts...

Each District will have a maximum of three (3) Directors. ~~The members residing in each District shall elect the number of Directors necessary to maintain the ratio of Directors to members living in a District.~~ Such an elected District Director must ~~be a member in good standing and residing~~ reside in the District from which he or she is elected. No District may have more than one elected Director from any one (1) county. Directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, or until his or her successor is elected.

At the annual general membership meeting, each District will take nominations from members attending for any opening position on the Board of Directors. All nominees must reside in the District and accept their nomination. If a nominee is absent from the annual general membership meeting, they must submit a written acceptance statement of their nomination.  
A sufficient number of member(s) will be elected to fill any expiring and/or vacating position(s).

~~The number of District Directors from each District with the right to vote at all Board meetings shall be established by the number of members residing therein. Such determination will depend on the number of year to date members as of October 31. Hence, the number of Directors of 2001 will be based on the number of paid up members as of October 31, 2000. The ratio shall be:~~

~~1—20 members—entitled to 1 Director~~

~~21—40 members—entitled to 2 Directors~~

~~41—79 members—entitled to 3 Directors~~

~~80—99 members entitled to 4 Directors~~

~~100 and above—entitled to 5 Directors~~

~~The number of Directors for each District shall be determined annually by the Board and published with the notification of the annual meeting. If the number of Directors in any given District shall decline, then that District shall allow the expiring Director's office to remain vacant. A nomination of an absent member must be accompanied by written permission from that member.~~

~~Such elected District Directors, together with the Officers of the Association, and the Directors at Large as hereinafter provided, shall constitute the Board of Directors. Any vacancy resulting from the death or resignation of an elected District Director shall be filled by the Alternate Director, as hereinafter provided.~~

The Directors shall meet annually ~~at the same time as~~ prior to the regular annual meeting of members, and more often if called by the President, First Vice President, or any ten (10) members of the Association. Notice of any special meeting shall be given by notice on the official MQHA website to the Directors at least five (5) days before such meeting, and the Directors, including the officers present, shall constitute a quorum.

the Association faithfully as a regular Director and/or Officer. This Officer must be elected by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors, with the right to attend and participate in discussions in all meetings of the Board of Directors and with the right to vote therein for as long as they remain active. The Vice President Emeritus shall be considered a Director at Large.

**Section 12.** The term of all Officers and Directors shall be from the second Tuesday of March in the year they are elected to serve, until the second Tuesday of March in the year their term is complete, unless otherwise provided herein. The President-Elect shall immediately appoint a Youth Advisor who shall commence working with the MQHYA at the time of the appointment.

## ARTICLE V

### Committees

- The Show Approval Committee shall review applications from shows requesting approval from MQHA, MAQHA, and MQHYA. This Committee shall use the rules provided by MQHA to form a report. Any entity requesting to have a show sanctioned by MQHA must follow the MQHA Show Approval Rules, which can be found on the MQHA

website under MQHA Show Approval.

- The Awards Committee has the responsibility of overseeing the rules and regulations concerning the MQHA Year-end High Point Awards. These rules can be found on the MQHA website under Show Rules. The rules for qualifying for the National Youth Activity Team Tournament (NYATT) and the AYQHA World Championship Show are included.

#### Amendments

##### **Amendment (#22)**