

# Notice to Members Entitled to Vote

Elections will be held for the following areas:

Alabama

Illinois

Region 1 – Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Indiana, Michigan, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Region 3 – North Carolina and South Carolina,

Tennessee

Region 4 - West Virginia and Virginia.

According to RHBAA Rules, Page 4:

Section 3.2 NUMBER OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors of RHBAA shall consist of not less than three persons. The exact number of Directors which shall constitute the whole Board of Directors shall be established by July 15 of each year for the next ensuing election of Directors by Members of the Association, and shall be calculated based upon the number of Members entitled to vote in each of the States as set forth in Section 3.4 below as of such date. The Immediate Past President shall be an ex-officio member of the Board for a 12-month period following his term of office. He shall not be entitled to vote if he is no longer an elected director.

Section 3.3 QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS: To qualify to be elected as a Director, a person must be a Member entitled to vote, must be in good standing, must have been a Member for at least three full consecutive calendar years prior to the year of the election, must not have been convicted of a felony, must be of high moral character, must be at least 21 years of age as of January 1 of the year in which his term begins, and must be a resident of the State or Voting Region from which such Director is to be elected.

Section 3.4 ELECTION:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, Directors of the Association shall be elected on a State-by-State basis, with Members entitled to vote for and elect only such Directors as the size of membership in their State permits. Members resident in any particular state shall not be entitled to elect a Director unless the total membership in the State entitled to vote equals or exceeds 25. Members of any particular state shall be entitled to elect one additional Director when the members entitled to vote reaches 125 in number, and thereafter shall be entitled to elect an additional Director for every 100 members entitled to vote over 125.

(b) Members in States with a membership of less than 25 will be grouped together in Voting Regions and shall be entitled to elect Directors based upon such aggregated membership size as set forth in Section 3.4 (a) above. The grouping into Voting Regions shall be established by the Association's Board of Directors in an effort to ensure that each voting Region shall be represented in proportion to the number of Members of the Association residing therein, and the decision of the Board of Directors as to such groupings shall be at its sole discretion, final and not subject to appeal. The decision of the Board of Directors as to the grouping of Members into Voting Regions shall be made at the same time that the determination of the number of Directors of the Association for the upcoming year is made.

(c) Directors shall be elected no later than the thirty-first day of December of each year. Their terms shall commence at the beginning of the first Board of Directors meeting to be held the succeeding year as set forth herein Elections of Directors shall be conducted by mail as set forth in Section 3.5 hereof.

(d) The Directors elected shall be those receiving the highest number of votes cast without regard to whether a majority of the votes cast were received.

(e) A candidate for election to a directorship shall qualify for election by submitting an application to the RHBAA office on or before August 15 prior to the election, and paying a fee of \$25.00.

Application: Please find your application online at [www.rackinghorse.org](http://www.rackinghorse.org) listed under Admin, Board of Directors and Application for Board of Directors.