

Hello MCHA Board Members: The following are the revisions to the MCHA's By-Laws regarding "Meetings of the Membership" and "Method of Election" that the By-Laws Election Committee propose. Theresa spoke with Tom Bruch at Big Sky Internet Design (who the MCHA has had a close relationship with for years as they are our website webmaster) and they do a number of election ballots for other cutting horse associations such as AZCHA, Palo Duro, Panhandle and UCHA. They typically charge \$150 for the first year of providing this service. Tom says that the process is simple and there is a one-time password required to vote. This password is emailed to the membership and then each ballot is emailed to whoever is in charge of counting the ballots.

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ARTICLE III – Meetings of the Membership

Section 2: A single adult membership shall entitle the member to one vote. It is solely the member's responsibility to provide an accurate email address at the time membership is renewed and monitor spam mail when ballots are sent out.

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Section 8: Method of Election:

1. Not less than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the members, the president shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three members in good standing. The membership shall be informed of the nominating committee members at the time they are appointed so that interested parties may contact committee members regarding candidates. The term of the members of the nominating committee will expire following the annual election.
2. The nominating committee shall prepare a list of one or more persons for each office and each position on the Board of Directors and present to membership at the annual meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated at the meeting.
3. No later than seven days after the annual meeting, an electronic ballot shall be emailed to the members in good standing by a disinterested third party. Disinterested third party shall be defined as a private company or person(s) not running for any position on the board and not related to any person running for a position on the board. The electronic ballot must provide for the confidentiality and security of the voting process. The electronic ballot will allow members the option to vote for a write in candidate. No paper ballots will be prepared or accepted.
4. Members will have thirty days to vote by electronic ballot for the candidates of their choice.
5. Board positions will be filled by the candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast.

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