

Minutes of the District Meeting for District 10

The meeting was held on Saturday August 1, 2015 at El Monte, CA, on the occasion of the SGVPA Show. The following voting members of District 10 clubs were present:

Leon Saad, District Director

John Miles, ABS President

Terry Travis

Raymund Gallegos

Mark Geisel

Ruth Williams

Gayvonne Hayes

Bryan McGrail

Vance Wells

Hilary McMahon

Carol Weems

There were also a number of other local club members and visitors present (as the meeting was held during lunch served in the show hall) who did not participate in the meeting. It was explained to all by the District Director that only ABS members in a District 10 club could vote.

Motions from other Districts were considered and the following motions passed by other Districts were voted on:

1. Motion to remove the Past President of ABS from serving on the Executive Committee of ABS and to instead have that seat on the Executive Committee filled by the Chairman of the Judges Panel .

In discussion, the sense of the meeting was against this change, and that there was no need to make a change to a system that had been in place for years, and that Past Presidents typically provide continuity and unique experience for the benefit of ABS.

Motion failed (0 for: 11 against; 0 abstentions).

2. Motion that the ABS Bulletin be published on schedule, no matter what, regardless of whether there was sufficient content

In discussion, there were views expressed both for and against this, but the sense of the meeting was mostly against this change. It was felt that the need for flexibility to allow some

delay to ensure a quality bulletin, outweighed publishing on schedule, regardless of adequate or sufficient content. Members felt that the Second Vice President should have support in the role of ensuring adequate content for the bulletin.

Motion failed (4 for: 7 against; 0 abstentions).

The following Motions were made and voted on as District 10 motions:

3. That the ABS Second Vice President be authorized to establish a committee to support the publication of the ABS Bulletin and see to it that timely input of material for publication is provided to the editor.

Proposed by: John Miles

Seconded by: Vance Wells

Motion Passed (11 for; 0 against; 0 abstentions)

4. That ABS reinstate Terry Travis to active status on the Judges Panel and remove his suspension.

Proposed by: John Miles

Seconded by: Vance Wells

Motion Passed (11 for; 0 against; 0 abstentions)

In discussion, the strong sense of the meeting was that this is a hobby and excessive punitive action has no place and negatively impacts the growth, unity, fun and camaraderie in our hobby. No one is perfect and everyone can make mistakes. Our hobby is better served by tolerance and forgiveness.

The meeting adjourned, there being no other business to conduct.

Minutes recorded by Leon J. Saad, District Director for District 10.

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Leon J. Saad