

# Minutes of the Annual District 12 Membership Meeting

July 27, 2014  
Kelso, Washington

The annual district meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. at the Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center in Kelso, Washington by District Director Larry Harrell. District 12 ABS members present for the meeting were Larry Harrell, Terry Harrell, Carolyn McCoy, Barb Sweere, Ron Sweere, Bill Birney, Jeanne Birney, Wilma Dahl, Mike Dahl, Tony Nesbitt and Chet Swanson, Present from District 9 were guests, Bev Picard, Mary Ann Silva and Rod Silva. No members were present by proxy.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

The reading of the minutes of the 2013 District 12 Membership Meeting were dispensed with, the minutes were approved as published in the ABS bulletin.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION #1 – Exhibitor of the Year Awards: *“Due to the lack of support the Junior Exhibitor of the Year be reduced to five (5) places.”* Motion by Mike Dahl, second by Carolyn McCoy, Passed by unanimous vote (11 yes, 0 no).

MOTION #2 – Travel Expenses: *“ABS will not reimburse travel expenses for any person to attend a hearing, meeting, etc., of the ABS without a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the full ABS Board of Directors. To clarify, using the current structure of the Board of Directors there are seventeen (17) members, a three-fourths affirmative vote under this rule must have at least thirteen (13) yes votes to pass.”* Motion by Bill Birney, second by Chet Swanson, passed by unanimous vote (11 yes, 0 no).

MOTION #3 – Appeal of J/P Complaint Decisions: *“ABS Resolution 16L is changed to read: Any ABS member filing a complaint against a member of the Panel of Judges and not satisfied with the action of the internal affairs committee or executive committee of the ABS Judges panel may appeal to the ABS Board of directors within 30 days of receiving the Judges Panel decision subject to the following provisions.*

- a. Appeals will be submitted to the ABS Secretary for further distribution.*
- b. Any appeal will be heard on the record as it exists when the Judges’ Panel decision was made. No new testimony or evidence will be presented at or during the appeal.*
- c. The ABS Executive Committee may, upon a majority vote of the Committee ask permission of the full Board to hear the appeal before the following All American.*
- d. Any appeal hearing at the All American General Meeting will be in executive session and only members of the full Board of Directors or their proxies will be allowed to be present.”*

Motion by Chet Swanson, second by Bill Birney, passed by unanimous vote (11 yes, 0 no).

MOTION #4 – Complaint procedures against judges: *“The judge’s panel must insure that ABS members can easily find the steps for filing a complaint against a judge. A separate posting on the ABS website should be maintained and the rules should be briefly stated annually before the start of the current year show season in an issue of the ABS bulletin.”* Motion by Chet Swanson, second by Bill Birney, motion passed by unanimous vote (11 yes, 0 no).

MOTION #5 – Minutes of Annual General Board Meetings: *“The minutes of the Annual General meeting of the Board of Directors must include all motions brought to the Board to include the language of the motion and the disposition of that motion. This includes motions referred to other committees or panels of the ABS and returned to the Board regardless of recommendation of those committees or panels.”* Motion by Chet Swanson, second by Ron Sweere, motion passed by unanimous vote (11 yes, 0 no).

MOTION #6 – Partnerships and bands: *“ABS members forming a partnership for the purpose of raising and exhibiting budgerigars must:*

- a. Register their partnership with the ABS Secretary as soon as the partnership is announced in any manner. All members of the partnership must be ABS members.*
- b. Register an ABS band code for the partnership, which may be one of the ABS codes already used by one of the partners.*
- c. The partnership must band only with that band code and any ABS panel judge or judges in the partnership must certify that on their annual Judges’ Panel renewal form.”*

Motion by Chet Swanson, second by Mike Dahl, motion passed by unanimous vote (11 yes, 0 no).

MOTION #7 – J/P Mediation of complaints: *“The motion from the Judges’ Panel at the 2010 Annual Board of Directors Meeting changing Panel Rule IV.E.12 inserting subparagraph D is revoked and the mediation process will no longer be used.”* Motion by Chet Swanson, second by Jeanne Birney, motion passed by unanimous vote with one abstention (10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain).

MOTION #8 – Proposed By-Laws Amendment: *“To be presented to the ABS Executive Committee for consideration, ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES of the ABS By-Laws shall be modified as shown below to clarify the voting privileges of the ABS President.*

- 1. An Executive Committee shall be maintained at all times for the sole purpose of assisting the Board in the performance of its duties, responsibilities and powers between annual Board of Directors’ General Meetings. Shall sit in continuous session to act upon any matters of decision, policy and regulation as shall arise from day to day. The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as shall be called by the Chairman or may act through correspondence, by mail, e-mail, wire or telephone. All decisions and actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board and shall be subject to review by the Board. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Immediate Past President of the Corporation, and with the exception of the President all*

having full voice and vote, the President may vote only in case of a tie vote of the Executive Committee.” Motion by Chet Swanson, second by Terry Harrell, motion passed by unanimous vote (11 yes, 0 no).

MOTION #9 – Rules for conduct of business by email: *“In an effort to establish standards for conducting business between annual meetings by email, the following rules will be used for conduct of ABS business by email:*

**Rules for the Conduct of ABS Business by Email**

1. *Authorization: Authorization for email meetings is stated in the ABS By-Laws. These rules apply to the ABS Executive Committee, the ABS Board of Directors, the ABS Judges Panel and other ABS committees or sub-committees. Email meetings are considered asynchronous as not all members of the group will not be present at the same place or time. Rather members will participate in the meeting as possible during the period of the meeting. The conduct of ABS business by email or other electronic means may only be used between annual general meetings for the conduct of business which may not be held until the next annual general meeting of the Board of Directors.*
2. *Definitions: When the word group is used in these rules, it means the specific ABS Body, e.g. ABS Executive Committee, ABS Judges Panel, etc. When the word Chair is used in these rules it refers to the ABS President, or the Chairperson of any ABS group.*
3. *Call for a Meeting: The Chair of a group can call for a meeting. A meeting may also be called by two or more members of the group. The call for a meeting must be sent to the email address of all members of the group. Email meetings may only consider items of business specified in the call for the meeting, and the item or items of business must be stated in the subject line of the call for a meeting.*
4. *Quorum: A quorum is established when at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the body have checked into the meeting. Members must check-in within two days (48 hours) of the call for the meeting. A quorum is assumed at all times once a meeting has started. Members of the various ABS groups should check their email accounts for ABS related messages at least every other day.*
5. *Motions: A call for motions by the Chair is not needed; motions may be made as part of a call for a meeting. A second is required before beginning discussion of any motion. The Chair may not make or second a motion.*
6. *Responsibility of the Chair on motions: As the motion will have been sent to all members in writing there is no need to state the question as required in RONR. Once a motion has been moved and seconded the Chair must open it for discussion or declare the motion out of order for reasons as stated in RONR, “No main motion is in order that conflicts with the corporate charter, constitution, or bylaws; and to the extent that procedural rules applicable to the organization or assembly are prescribed by federal, state, or local law, no main motion is in order that conflicts with such rules.” If the chair rules that a motion is out of order, that decision may be immediately appealed to the group. Appeals of decisions of the Chair are addressed in RONR, Chapter VIII, Section 24 Incidental Motions, Appeal.*

7. *Sending messages: All messages; making a motion, seconding a motion, discussing a motion, or voting on motions or business shall be sent to all members of the Group. Replies will also be sent to all members of the Group by using the Reply All option of the member's email program.*
8. *Voting on Motions: Messages with a vote on a motion must use the Reply All option and the first line of the voting messages must read: "I Vote \_\_\_\_ (yes or no). The Chair of a group may vote only to break a tie vote.*
9. *Time limits: Once a motion is on the floor, no more than four days (96 hours) may be used for discussions. After the period for discussions ends, members of the group shall have no more than three days (72 hours) to submit their vote. Votes received more than 72 hours after the call for votes will not be counted.*
10. *Record of the Meeting: The Secretary of the Group conducting the meeting, or the Chair if there is no Secretary shall keep a record of the meeting and the results. It is suggested that this be done by keeping copies of all emails. Unless there is some legitimate reason for confidentially, a synopsis of the meeting and its results shall be sent to the ABS Executive Committee and, as appropriate the ABS Board of Directors."*

Motion by Chet Swanson, second by Jeanne Birney, motion passed by majority vote (10 yes, 1 no).

MOTION #10– Hall of Fame Committee: *"When the President (Chair of the Executive Committee) appoints the Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, it shall be for a two year maximum term and the person must be a current member of the Hall of Fame."* Motion by Bill Birney, second by Chet Swanson, motion passed by unanimous vote (11 yes, 0 no).

Director Harrell then led a discussion on known motions from other districts so that the members could provide guidance on how D12 wanted him to proceed at the upcoming ABS Annual General Membership Meeting.

A motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Chester Swanson, D12 Secretary

Minutes Reviewed and Approved  
Larry Harrell, D12 Director