

**AMERICAN BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY**

**CURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

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## **AMERICAN BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY CURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

This booklet contains the current resolutions passed by the American Budgerigar Society Broad of Directors at the annual meetings held in conjunction with All American since 1960. (The year and motion # of each resolution is in parenthesis). If a resolution is in conflict with the ABS By-Laws, the By-Laws take precedence. (#2, 2013)

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **1. ADVANCEMENT**

- a. If two novice or intermediate exhibitors form a partnership, the wins of both partners shall be considered for advancement to the next higher division. (1978)
- b. That all persons living in the same household shall show in the same division except juniors. (# 58 1984)
- c. That all wins which count toward advancement for the exhibitor will be with different birds, (#42 1985)
- d. Advancement Secretary responsible for tracking the wins toward advancement for Junior, Novice and Intermediate exhibitors and for providing the Editor of the ABS Bulletin a report of those exhibitors that advanced to the next higher division listing the wins (band code, bird description, show, placement, and judges) for publication in the March/ April issue (#6 2002)
- e. Rare variety exhibitors would advance through normal channels (#55 1989)
- f. If a Novice places a bird on the top bench at a legal show, he is awarded a leg toward advancement regardless of the number of novice exhibitors at the show. (#31 1993)
- g. The Intermediate Advancement rule change to state: At a qualified show, a minimum of 25 birds in the Champion Division, with 3 or more Champion exhibitors is needed to advance from an Intermediate to a Champion. The exhibitor shall win any of the 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> Best in Show awards with birds of his own breeding, at 3 different shows, with one win 6<sup>th</sup> or higher. Wins shall be with different birds. (#17 2002)
- h. Include in the Rules for Advancement the following: These rules are intended to protect the exhibitor from having to advance before he/she is ready. In addition these rules are to protect those exhibitors not winning top spots in their respective divisions by forcing the stronger exhibitor to advance. At any time an Intermediate Exhibitor may declare him/herself to be a Champion Exhibitor. At any time a Novice Exhibitor may declare him/herself to be an Intermediate Exhibitor. At any time a Junior Exhibitor may declare him/herself to be a Novice Exhibitor. (#18 2002)

- i. Develop a form for member's to send in for advancement in order to be officially recognized by ABS. (#7 2002)
- j. Include in the Rules for Advancement . Any Intermediate or Novice Exhibitor who receives three (3) points will be required to advance the following January 1<sup>st</sup>. Any Junior Exhibitor who receives six (6) points will be required to advance the following January 1<sup>st</sup>. (#19 2002)
- k. Changing the required number of exhibitors in Novice Division from 5 to 3 for points to be assessed. (#21 2002)

## **2. ALL AMERICAN SHOW**

- a. Invitations for the All American show be accepted two years in advance and notification be given at that time. (1964)
- b. Entries in an All American show not be limited to budgerigars but the type of show be left to the decision of the sponsoring club (1971)
- c. That the club hosting the All American be required to use the recommended schedule of classes as set forth and in effect at the time of the All American. (#17 1992)
- d. ABS reestablish the awarding of an ABS Plaque at the All American for the Best Registered Bird or show proof that the award was discontinued by vote of the Executive Committee. (#20 2001)
- e. That the contract with the host club of the All American states that violation of any provisions of the contract will result in the All American automatically be withdrawn and reassigned. (#21 1992)
- f. That all hosting clubs for the All American must make provisions to allow birds in the motel rooms. (1982)
- g. ABS reserves the fourth weekend in September as the date for the All American. No other ABS sanctioned shows may be held on this date. Clubs wishing to host the All American on a date other than the fourth weekend in September should keep in mind that the date chosen may conflict with another club's annual show date. Only clubs with show dates that conflict with the date chosen for the All American will be able and encouraged to host their show on the fourth weekend of September. This rule supersedes all previous rules pertaining to the date for the ABS All American. (#11 2003)
- h. The All American shows must have a mandatory Junior Division. (#31 1984)
- i. To give the host club for the All American \$2000.00 to help defray costs. (#19 2001) (#13 2003) (#10 2009)(#7 2015)

- j. That the All American Application Packet be accepted as presented. (#42 1989)
- k. That all future All American Shows, only ABS Panel Judges will be used. (#37 1990)
- l. Office of 2nd VP has the responsibility for conducting the educational contest for future All Americans in consultations with the host club. (#75 1994)
- m. Treasurer and Board Members of ABS form a financial committee to find a ways and means to help defray the cost of the All American to exclude raising membership dues. (#14 2003)
- n. Provide the host club for the All American a full page ad in ABS Bulletin one year prior to the show date effective immediately. (#75 2002)
- o. Host club to choose day of weekend to hold show for All American. (#6 2006)
- p. The District Director's Thursday night meeting at the All American may forgo, at the discretion of the hosting club, the "Dinner", but still have the meeting, and that the \$500 cost savings may be retained by the host club to be applied to the other costs of putting on the All American. (2017)

### **3. ABS AFFILIATED CLUB SHOWS**

- a. "That District Directors and Officers take back to their districts these guidelines to encourage viewing of the birds whenever possible." (#24 1991)
- b. If one judge is engaged by an affiliated club, it must be an ABS Panel Judge; if two are engaged, one must be an ABS Panel Judge. (1976) in a show employing more than two judges, a majority of the judges will be selected from the ABS Panel of Judges. (#47 1988) (Corrected 1994)
- c. Clubs be authorized to add Best in Show wins to Intermediate, Novice, Rare and Junior certificates. (#19 2000)
- d. Only birds entered in Champion, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, & Rare divisions be counted in the number of birds entered in a show. This specifically excludes all sale birds (#24 1988) (Corrected 1994) (1996)
- e. That ABS allow for double banded birds by ABS members, with a second band, at ABS shows, providing one band is an ABS band and the bird is bred and banded by the exhibitor and that both bands are traceable to the Exhibitor. Family plastic bands are allowed. (#9 2007)
- f. All varieties, regardless of exhibitor's status, are to be judged together with the top birds being compared within their individual divisions. (#53 1989)
- g. The varieties as presented be accepted in the Rare Division. (Greywing, Clearflighted, Laced Clearbody (Texas & Easley), Yellow, White, Clearwing, Recessive Pied, Crested, Red Eye Lacewing, Fallow, Black Eyed clear, and AOV/AOC) (#54 1989) (#58 1998)

- h. A bird shall only be considered for a single variety award. (#56 1989).
- i. In order for a show to count for all exhibitors there must be three (3) champion breeders entered in the show and they must enter a minimum total of 10 birds . Each entry must be bred, banded, and owned by the exhibitor. [Except for open shows. See h. above] (#42 1990) (Corrected 1994)
- j. ABS allow affiliated clubs to hold an optional Beginner's Division if they wish". (#6 1991)
- k. ABS recommends use of the chrome show cage fronts by all exhibitors. (#34 1994)
- l. A person not work as Chief Steward (Judges Assistant) while his or her division is being judged, if possible. (#35 1994)
- m. ABS recommends that clear water finger drinkers be provided by the host club and those be made available for sale through the products division. (#13 1995)
- n. If in the judgment of the Show Chairman, in concert with the show committee, a judging time of over 4 hours is anticipated, he may declare an "Emergency condition" and add additional judges to judge in divisions, which they are not exhibiting. The additional judge or judges will be covered by the rules pertaining to the "Emergency condition" in the judges' panel show rules. (#42 1994)
- o. ABS adopt the Rare Division as the standard recommended schedule of classes. (#45 1994)
- p. That all show reports be sent to the club secretary or contract person and judges should carry a spare set. (#17 1995)
- q. To remove the word "All" from the Yellow Face section and add the following classes in that section
- |      |      |                             |      |      |
|------|------|-----------------------------|------|------|
| 1101 | 1102 | Normals including Cinnamon  | 1103 | 1104 |
| 1105 | 1105 | Opalines including Cinnamon | 1107 | 1108 |
- No other changes are recommended for the other sections. The committee members each felt that the Composite listing of the birds would identify where that bird should be classified. (#35 1995)
- r. To change the title of (Section 12 – AOV/AOC to read (Section 12 – Composite)  
Change the title of (Section 25 – AOV/AOC) to read (Section 25 AOV – Composite). (#12 2004)
- s. Any deviation from the ABS schedule of classes or changes to ABS sections must have prior approval of the ABS Executive Committee. (#10 2011)

t. The Junior Division will follow the same ABS Section and class breakdown as the other Divisions do: namely have Junior birds classified according to the ABS schedule of classes rather than the “ 4 class” breakdown of Section 26. (#13 2011)

u. We declare the Divisions, Sections, and Classes of an ABS show as the “Official Divisions, Sections and Classes format”. (#24 2011)

v. Changes be made to Section and Classes in both the Normal Division and Rare Division as shown below. (#29 2013) (2016) (2018)

Schedule of Normal Classes				
Junior, Novice, Intermediate and Champion Division				
<u>Old Cocks</u>	<u>Young Cocks</u>		<u>Old Hens</u>	<u>Young Hens</u>
<u>Section 7—Dark Factors</u>				
Contains both Cinnamon and Opaline				
<u>Section 8 -- Red Eyes</u>				
809	810	YF/GF Albino	811	812
<u>Section 9 -- Australian Pies</u>				
901	902	Green/Grey Green Normals	903	904
905	906	Green/Grey Green Opaline	907	908
909	910	Blue/Grey Normal	911	912
913	914	Blue/Grey Opaline	915	916
917	918	Dark Factor	919	920
921	922	Yellow Face	923	924
<u>Section 10 – Spangle</u>				
includes cinnamon				
1001	1002	Green/Grey Green Normal	1003	1004
1005	1006	Green/Grey Green Opaline	1007	1008
1009	1010	Blue/Grey Normal	1011	1012
1013	1014	Blue/Grey Opaline	1015	1016
1017	1018	Double Factor	1019	1020
1021	1022	Dark Factor	1023	1024
1025	1026	Yellow Face	1027	1028
<u>Section 11 -- Yellow Face</u>				
1109	1110	Dark Factor	1111	1112
<u>Section 12 -- Composite</u>				
1201	1202	Two or more Varieties listed on the Composite List. One of which may be a Rare Variety.		1204
1205	1206	Melanistic Spangle	1207	1208
<u>Old Cocks</u>	<u>Young Cocks</u>	<u>RARES</u>	<u>Old Hens</u>	<u>Young Hens</u>
<u>Section 23 -- Fallow</u>				
2301	2302	English	2303	2304
2305	2306	German	2307	2308

<u>Section 25 -- A.O.V. - Composite</u>				
2501	2502	Composite - any two or more rare varieties including Frosted Pieds.	2503	2504
2505	2506	Anthracite, All	2507	2508
2509	2510	Slate, All	2511	2512
2513	2514	AOV (includes Brownwing and Saddleback)	2515	2516

w. Add Melanistic Spangle to Section 12 of Normals, classes 1205 through 1208 (2018)

#### **4. AFFILIATION**

- a. ABS send a folder to all affiliated clubs that renew with ABS. The folder would contain new or vital information that would or could affect ABS members including, show patronage, advancements, any approved changes and insurance coverage information. (#20 2001)
- b. Procedural responsibility in matters of affiliation and re affiliation fall to the District Director. (#5 1997)
- c. A Club be allowed to affiliate without insurance for \$100.00 (#4 2012)
- d. Affiliation dues with insurance to be increased to \$150.00. as of Jan. 1, 2013 (#5 2012)
- e. Puerto Rico and all US Territories have the same members and affiliation dues as the US. (#22 1988)
- f. Canadian Clubs shall be allowed to affiliate with ABS. (#17 1990)
- g. That all club representatives should have their phone numbers in the bulletin. (#2 1995)
- h. A late fee (\$75) will be imposed for those clubs affiliating and needing insurance after March 1st each year. (2018)

#### **5. AWARDS**

- a. Every bird receiving an ABS award, rosette, certificate, or plaque, is to have its band checked by the show committee, to be sure it is an ABS band, with the approval of the exhibitor if the issue is challenged. (#24 1996)
- b. Only ABS banded birds be eligible for any tangible awards. This includes Best in Show ribbons, Best Intermediate ribbons, Best Novice ribbons, certificates and Exhibitor of the Year. All birds banded with 2000 bands are excluded effective January 1, 2001. (#7 2000)



- c. That ABS award BIS & Best rare, not banded with an ABS band, an ABS certificate of achievement. (#17 2012)
- d. Only current ABS members are eligible to win "Exhibitor of the Year". (#9 2000)
- e. ABS drops the number of exhibitor requirement for Exhibitor of the Year points. (#29 1999)
- r. Award Junior Exhibitors 1-10 places at shows. (#36 2001) plus 3 best hens and best young. (#14 2002)
- g. BIS points not be counted for Rare Exhibitor of the Year award. The points earned in the respective divisions will be added to the Novice, Intermediate or Champion Exhibitor of the Year points. (#37 2001)
- h. To make awards available for purchase by clubs or individuals (Per current prices) through Products Division to person(s) achieving Intermediate and Champion status. (#38 2000)
- i. Certificates are to be given only to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Novice and Juniors. None shall be sold for distribution to Champion exhibitors or to be used for other purposes. (1970) (Corrected 1994) (#18 2008)
- j. ABS large rosette shall be awarded to Best Novice, Best Intermediate, and Best Junior at all affiliated club shows that receive patronage. (1976) (1994)
- k. That the Clubs have open shows if desired but that the birds not compete for Best In Show and not be eligible for any ABS award. (#41 1996)
- l. Change the "Breeder of the Year" to "Exhibitor of the Year". (#41 1989)
- m. That the Exhibitor of the Year Awards be awarded to 1st through 10th place in Champion, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Rare Division. [The Rare Division, to qualify, wins must be in shows with Rare Divisions which follow the ABS list of Rare Budgies] (#24 1990) (Corrected 1994) (#30 & #35 2001) (2016) (2017)
- n. Rare Division points be awarded and calculated the same as our other divisions using the number of birds exhibited. (#39 2001)
- o. To actively seek commercial sponsorship of ABS awards on a national or district by district basis. (#108 1994)

p. Allow only ABS Judges (with the exception of Foreign Guest Judges, who may judge along with ABS Judges) to judge ABS Sanctioned Shows. (#21 2000)

q. Establish a Variety Award for the Varieties listed on the ABS show report. Whoever wins the Variety would be awarded 10 points. Total the points from all the shows and at the end of the year, the winner would receive a certificate awarded at the All American. (#19 2011)

r. Exhibitor of the Year Awards: “Due to the lack of support the Junior Exhibitor of the Year be reduced to five (5) places for plaques and include places 6-10 receive Certificates (2014)

s. To modify the show report to include the names of all exhibitors showing in that show. (#11 2015)

t. To issue a special “Support Certificate” to the exhibitor from each division, J,N,I,C,R who supports ABS shows by exhibiting at the greatest number of ABS shows. (#12 2015)

## **6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- a. The Directors of the ABS Corporation may become members of other budgerigar societies but shall not be an Officer, [BOARD GOVERNOR/DIRECTOR, OR JUDGE] of another Domestic National Budgerigar Organization. (#20 2007)
- b. All members of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, appointed Committee members and appointed positions must band exclusively with ABS bands. (#30 2000)
- c. Any ABS member is welcome at the Board of Directors Meeting but only Officers and Board Members may vote. Stated at the 1971 General Meeting (Minutes of said meeting page 7 of 1971 Bulletin) (1971)
- d. The ABS Board of Directors Annual Meeting shall be held at the All American Show. It was pointed out that the Annual meeting was to be held within six months after the end of the fiscal year, (1966) which is June 30th (1991)
- e. The votes of the Board of Directors taken in any meeting, by phone or letter, be printed in the ABS bulletin and the votes be shown individually by members of the Board voting. (#43 1989)
- f. To increase number of budgies exhibited at the All American, and because members of the Board often do not bring birds, we suggest that it be a high priority for the 18 members of the Board to bring birds to the All American. This will demonstrate their support for our hobby, and will increase the number of entries. (#18 1995)
- g. To serve as an elected officer of ABS, he or she must breed, band & exhibit in his / her own name in conjunction with spouse or other recognized ABS partnership, and / or ABS registered aviary. (#1 1997)
- h. No individual running for an elective ABS office shall use ABS stationary or present ABS title in seeking ABS office. (#16 1999)
- i. The Board develops a clear set of procedural guidelines and job description for the ABS Secretary. (#4 1997)
- j. The District Directors and members of the Executive Committee take office 30 days after the election results are official. (#27 1997)
- k. All members of the ABS Board including the Executive Committee, be allowed to have voting proxies at meetings and that in the event that the President is absent from the annual meeting, the member of the Executive Committee who shall assume the President's position have a proxy seated in their respective position. (#10 1998)
- l. If a motion made by a district is made and not passed, it cannot come before the board again for two years. (#14 2012)

## **7. BULLETIN**

- a. The ABS bulletin be printed bimonthly. (#7 1999)
- b. There shall be a listing in the ABS Bulletin of Champions and Grand Champions at the end of each show year. (1964)
- c. That ABS encourage all members to express their opinions in the ABS Bulletin. (#7 1995)
- d. To accept the ABS Editorial policy as worded and to publish it monthly in the ABS Bulletin. (#28 1984)
- e. A disclaimer on advertising in the ABS bulletin shall be published in each issue of the bulletin. (1979)
- f. Advancements in the exhibition levels be published no later than April in the ABS Bulletin. (#48 1996)
- g. That articles in the ABS Bulletin may not contain negative or misleading remarks about individuals or other entities. (#24 1997)
- h. Include a band order form in the May/June issue of the ABS Bulletin. (#20 2003)
- i. To list the phone numbers of the Officers and Judges in the Bulletin if the individuals are willing. (#37 1984)
- j. The Show Secretary's name should appear in the ABS Bulletin along with the show results. (#28 1998)
- k. The Breeder of the Year point system be published annually in the ABS bulletin. (#35 1998)
- l. To have one page of the bulletin devoted to classified ads. Also moved that the Editor may supplement as needed if sufficient ads are not received to fill the page. (#7 2001)
- m. To devote priority article space in the bulletin for articles directed to pet owners, care of the budgie, nutrition, etc. (#5 1988)
- n. That the motel phone number be listed in the bulletin show listings and/or a contact person's number. (#33 & #34 1988)
- o. That the nominations and results only be printed in the ABS bulletin with no vote count being published. (#14 1993)

- p. Foreign members be sent their ballots by airmail separate from their bulletins in order to afford them an opportunity to cast a vote for Officers. (#15 1993)
- q. The Editor of the ABS bulletin be directed to give priority to publishing show reports in the bulletin before other articles of general interest. (#29 2001)
- r. Mailing labels will show expiration date. (#56 1994) (#10 1996)
- s. That ABS exchange Bulletin/Journals with any Society which will reciprocate as long as each allows the other to reprint articles/information for their own bulletins/journals or research libraries. (#60 1994)
- t. That show pictures of winning birds be rotated into the ABS Bulletin and on the ABS website with designated show personnel to provide the ABS Editor with appropriate pictures. (#13 2004)
- u. Insert number of birds in variety in parenthesis, when available, when reporting best of variety in ABS Bulletin. (#10 2006)
- v. That the ABS Editor withhold publishing of BAA show announcements until the Board has a reciprocal agreement with BAA to include the ABS shows in their bulletin. (#12 2009)
- w. ABS will not allow show announcements in the Bulletin unless it is an ABS affiliated club advertising their ABS sanctioned show. (#27 2010)
- x. Until a club informs the ABS Secretary of their choice of judge for their show, show announcements in the Bulletin and on the website will indicate that patronage is pending. Patronage will not be granted until the ABS judge is announced. (#30 2010)
- y. If a Junior member resides in a household with a separate adult membership, only one Bulletin will be sent to that household. (#6a 2010)
- z. To publish the ABS Bulletin in a timely manner without constraint of a required number of pages of content. (#8 2015)

## **8. DISTRICTS DISTRICT MEETINGS and REGIONAL SHOWS**

- a. District Meetings are to be held at a place other than the All American Show. (1966)
- b. If an ABS member is active in more than one district, he or she should vote in the district in which he or she resides (1973)
- c. Minutes of the District Meeting and official correspondence shall be submitted to the District Director for approval and signature before being mailed or submitted for publication. (1977)

d. The Maryland Budgerigar Society be merged into District 11 pursuant to their request. (#25 2001)

e. That the directors return to their districts and encourage their clubs to hold a pet division in their shows. (#6 1988)

f. That all new district directors be sent a district director's handbook. (#11 1989) It is now available online.

g. That ABS print condensed form of the minutes of the district meetings in the bulletin as received. (#29 1989)

h. That ABS eliminate district transfers of personal memberships. (#96 1994)

i. We encourage each district director to seek out individuals within their district to do interviews and/or videotape knowledgeable ABS members. [#9] Amended to add the words "for use with the educational programs of ABS." (#10 1995)

j. That Districts 1 & 3 and 6 & 8 be combined, and that District 13 be eliminated and Hawaii included with District 9. (#24 2004)

k. A Committee to be formed to investigate realigning districts. (#8 2012)

l. A Proxy from a District cannot be given to a Board member or member of the Executive Committee. (2011)

m. Effective with the next elections for District Directors, for terms beginning in 2016, ABS districts will be changed as shown: (#1 2013) (2016)

<u>New District #</u>	<u>Included</u>	<u>Old Districts</u>
1	NY, New England States, PA, NJ, DE, DC & MD, Eastern Canada	1 & 3
2	KY, MI OH, WV, IL IN & WI	2 & 4
3	FL, SC, GA, NC, VA & Puerto Rico	5 & 11
4	AL, TN, MS, LA, AR, TX, NM & OK	6 & 8
5	MN, ND, SC, CO MO, IA NE & KS	7
6	Northern CA (counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern, Kings, Monterey, Tulare, Inyo and North) & HI	9
7	AZ, NV, UT & CA (counties of Ventura, San Bernardino and south)	10
8	AK, WA, OR, ID MT, WY & Western Canada	12

n. Maryland status in District 3 will change from temporary to permanent unless changed in the future by Board Vote.

## **9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

a. When the Executive Committee or complete Board of Directors vote on an issue (motion) in filling a vacant Board position between All Americans, the motion or position should be implemented immediately. (#10 1997)

b. Restrict serving ABS Officers of Executive Committee to one in a household . (#17 2013)

c. That a semiannual statement by the President, relating to the plans & goals as set forth at the annual meeting and then routine follow up or status reports on their progress in the ABS Bulletin. (#8 1995)

## **10. FINANCE**

a. Treasurers report with a profit and loss statement be printed in the Bulletin semiannually. (#52 2000)

b. No reimbursements be made by the ABS Treasurer unless official receipts for expenses are attached to the requested reimbursement. (#15 1997)

c. All monies (checks) to be deposited in a timely manner. (# 19 2004)

d. That the bylaws be changed to allow the Judges Panel to maintain their own bank account and control of their funds. (#54 1986)

e. That the Executive Committee be limited to \$2,500.00 expense between meetings with any expense above that to be approved by a simple majority of the full Board. (# 35 1989)

f. ABS apply for Master Card or VISA to be used to pay international charges. (#9 1999)

beginning July 1,1995. (#64 1994)

h. To fund \$300.00 for educational programs at the All American with review for possible full funding if the funds become available. (#70 1995)

i. To invest in an interest bearing account, 50% of the yearly average Cash Reserves. To be reviewed yearly. (#36 2004)

j. To set up an interest bearing account for Life Membership dues and for these dues to be allocated yearly into the Treasury.  
(#37 2004)

k. Travel expenses: “ABS will not reimburse travel expenses for any person to attend a hearing, meeting (2014)

## **11. HALL OF FAME**

a. Allow husband and wife, dual membership, or partnerships to be inducted as a single candidate to the Hall of Fame. (#25 1992)

b. Change the limitation of 3 maximum candidates per year to 4 maximum candidates per year in the Hall of Fame rules.  
(#26 1992)

c. That the Hall of Fame committee be an open and known committee. (#37 1993)

d. Strike the limitation on the number of times that a person can be nominated to the Hall of Fame. (#39 1993)

e. That all persons elected to the Hall of Fame be granted life memberships and provided with life membership cards. (#112 1994)

f. An Acting, or Sitting ABS President not be eligible for induction into the ABS Hall of Fame by the Hall of Fame Committee selected or appointed by them. (#21 2003) (revised #20 2008)

g. The term limit of the HOF Chairperson will be four years, with unlimited terms. (2016)

## **12. INSURANCE**

a.. That ABS continue to carry liability insurance (#33 1989)

b. ABS maintain insurance until such time as the Board of Directors shall vote to cancel it. (#16 1990)

## **13. LEG BANDS**

a. Beginning with the 2008 band year, ABS shall offer exhibitors the opportunity to use a specially coded band other than their initially assigned ABS band number. Letters and numbers combined are not to exceed four digits and no special logos or symbols will be allowed. An unused special code, which has been assigned within the past 10 years to another current or former ABS member, may not be used. Objectionable codes requested



may be disapproved at the sole discretion of ABS. The initial set up cost for these bands will be \$25.00 with a \$10.00 annual fee. (#13 2007)

b. All Officers, District Directors, Judges, Committee and Board Members band exclusively with ABS bands. (#10 2000)

c. The band issuance date be changed to November 1 effective in 1999. (#31 1998)

d. The general membership be limited to requesting new leg band codes only once every three (3) years and only at the beginning of the new band year with the exception of a new partnership leg bands and prestige leg bands. (#9 1987)

e. ABS retire the leg band codes 41D (#11 1987) and 90F (2008) and 1L (#3 2009) and 1R (#6, 2013) .

f. Band prices shall be set annually at the general meeting for the following year based on the current EURO/US Dollar conversion. Band prices to be increased 20% rounding off to the nearest \$. With Junior bands up from \$4. for 25 bands to \$10. Price increase shall be effective Jan. 1, 2013. (#13 2012)

g. That the color of the ABS bands be the same or similar to the WBO. (#7 2008)

h. That after 5 years of inactivity (no bands ordered) and expired membership, band codes can be reassigned. (#7 2009)

i. The wording “Must be an ABS member to purchase bands” be added back to the band order form and resolutions as appropriate (#3, 2013).

j. Current year band order period be from September through June. A surcharge of \$25.00 will be added for orders after July 1<sup>st</sup> (#7 2013)

#### **14. MEMBERSHIP**

a.. The ABS Secretary will send, on a monthly basis renewal reminders to all ABS members who are within 60 days of the end of their current membership. If a member has not renewed by their expiration date, a second reminder should be sent. The reminders should include a membership application, band order information and any other pertinent information. In addition, the Secretary will furnish the District Directors with a list of current and delinquent members in their respective districts via email or US mail on a monthly basis. (#4 2001)

b. The ABS membership roster be made available to ABS officers and directors only. (#46 1998)

c. All Past Presidents of ABS be awarded a lifetime membership. (#20 1988)

- d. Effective Jan 1, 2013 dues be increased to: regular membership, \$33.00, junior, \$15.00, dual, \$45.00 and foreign \$45.00. (#11 2013)
- e. ABS foreign membership dues will be that of US members plus yearly postage of ABS bulletin to the foreign member's country. (# 7 2006)  
To set one standard price for ABS membership to foreign members, with one postage rate. (#4 2015)
- f. ABS eliminate the two year dues schedule effective July 1, 1999. (#48 1998)
- g . ABS discontinues offering a prorated amount for membership dues. (#9 2002)
- h. ABS Life membership reinstated. (#3 2004). Lifetime memberships are no longer offered. (2016)
- i. To Not accept Foreign Life Memberships. (#9 2006)
- j. ABS Board be required to compile all rules, regulation and other guidelines into one document for distribution to the membership. This document shall be compiled as an electronic document using a computer program of common usage. This document shall be compiled and ready for distribution by December 31 of the year following adoption of this rule. (#27 2001)
- k. The ABS Secretary send copies quarterly of the New Member List to the ABS Editor to be published in the ABS bulletin. (#6 2007)
- l. Monthly Membership List to be sent to District Directors and Treasurer to keep track of changes in membership. (#12 2012)
- m. To have timely acknowledgement from ABS that a new member has joined (i.e. ABS membership card, welcome letter, name printed in bulletin, etc.) (#20 2004)
- n. Past President and spouse, if dual members, receive a dual lifetime membership. (#26 2010)
- o. ABS will produce a directory with each member's contact information. This directory would be available for a fee of \$5.00. Members will have to opt IN to be listed in such directory. A box will be included on the ABS membership form and on the ABS band order form. (#1a 2011)
- p. ABS will continue to send bulletins to nonpaid Lifetime Memberships if they are active in supporting ABS, purchasing ABS leg bands and showing birds at least once a year. (2018)

## **15. PATRONAGE**

- a. The ABS Panel Judge who is engaged to judge a show for an affiliated club is responsible to see that the patronage form is forward through the District Director of that area to the ABS secretary. (1978)

- b. The requirement of patronage for shows of affiliated clubs shall be that the clubs have on file with the ABS secretary, a list of members and officers for the current year. (1960)
- c. ABS plaques are not offered to nonaffiliated clubs. (2016)
- d. ABS should not grant patronage to any cage bird show as long as budgies are placed in one division. (#44 1990)
- e. To Remove sentence to offer the ABS Plaque on the Non Affiliated Club Patronage Form. (#6 2009)
- f. To remove the phrase “in triplicate and three copies” from the ABS Patronage form and replace with “and”. (#4 2009)
- g. Modify the Club Affiliation form to include:  
 Affiliation \$100.00  
 Affiliation with insurance \$150.00  
 Additional Insured adding show hall and/or meeting place \$50.00  
 Discount for having an ABS show during the previous year (-)\$25.00 (2016)

## **16. JUDGES PANEL**

- a. ABS Judges shall not be an Officer or Board Member of any other National Budgerigar Organization with the exception of the WBO (World Budgerigar Organization). (#29 2000) (2016)
- b. The chairman of the Judges Panel would like to request that in the future this board and all future ABS Boards, when anticipating that something is to be brought forth pertaining to and about the Judges Panel, that the Judge’s Panel be advised in advance that this issue is to be considered. (#11 1994)
- c. That ABS encourage judges to write a report or synopsis of shows judged and make that material available for inclusion in the ABS bulletin. [#5]
- d. Judges Panel mission statement be accepted and that it is to be published in Bulletin. (#68 2002)
- e. Yellowface Albinos be considered as an Albino. (#35 2003) To add 4 classes to Section 8, Red Eyes, YF or GF Albino. (#30 2008)
- f. Yellows and Whites remain in the Rare Division. (#36 2003)

- g. To allow the wooden “rosette” to be used on the long perches where the perch meets the back of the show cage. To also allow the perch to touch the show cage front in lieu of creating a deep horizontal saw cut allowing the perch to rest on the cage front. (#20 2006)
- h. All motions which effect classification changes will take effect the next year on January 1. (#30 1997)
- i. The Chairman of the Judges Panel will schedule a program to be conducted by the ABS judge with the appropriate facilities to be provided by the All American host club. (#25 1995)
- j. In order to better promote the varieties the Judges Panel supports the keeping of varieties pure for exhibition purposes. (#38 1996)
- k. Violets be moved from the Rare to the Normal Division. (#2 1997)
- l. 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 Board of directors within 30 days of receiving the Judges Panel decision. The consideration and resolution of that complaint to be held at the following All American. (#50 1996)
- m. To accept Motion #14 of the judges panel minutes which motion states “ To accept the painting presented as the new pictorial standard of the cock bird. (#88 1995)
- n. A moratorium be placed on all classification changes in all sections and divisions for a minimum of three (3) years before changed again with the exception of additions. (#29 1998)
- o. ABS to accept new color standards, once published, as proposed by the WBO. (#41 2001)
- p. No ABS Panel Judge may be in the show hall on the first day of a dual show when they know they are judging the next day, whether as a fill in judge or a regular judge. (#56 1998)
- q. To allow a judge judging the first day of a two day show, to exhibit birds in the second day show. (#42 2004)
- r. Allow only ABS Judges (with the exception of Foreign Guest Judges, who may judge along with ABS Judges) to judge ABS Sanctioned Shows. (#21 2000)
- s. ABS Judges are allowed to judge the Best of Variety as the divisions are being judged throughout the show. This would be left to the judge’s discretion. (#39 2004)

- t. To accept the motion from the Judges' Panel made to compare the Novice, Intermediate and Champion Rare against each Division after the top ten have been selected. The only time the "Best Rares" will compete for "Best in Show" is if they are in the top of their respective division, example: Best Novice, Best Intermediate and if the Champion Rare penetrated it's division, it would depend where it placed. Eliminate judging the Best Rare Division if it does not meet this criteria. (#43 2001)
- u. The Judges Panel add a new class, splitting up the Easley Clearbody (Laced Clear Dominate) and the Texas Clearbody (a sex linked variety). (#58 1998)
- v. Have separate pictorial standard for the hen. (#39 1983)
- w. That an audit of the Secretary/Treasurer of the Judges' Panel is not required. (#65 2002)
- x. In the event of death of a Judge or spouse the Judges' Panel secretary will send flowers in the dollar amount between \$75 and not to exceed \$150. If funeral has already taken place a donation of \$75 will be made to the charity of the family's choice. (#66 2002)
- y. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman of the Judges Panel, a temporary Chairman may be appointed by the Judges Executive Committee until the Judges Panel may nominate and elect a successor. (#62 2002)
- z. Judges are responsible for making sure Show Reports are correct and mailed within 7 days to the appropriate ABS official. (#67 2002)
- aa. To remain qualified as an active or inactive ABS panel Judge, all members will be required to attend a judges' clinic at least once every two year period AND attend the annual judges' meeting once in every four year period. (#40 2004)
- bb. To retain the following names for specific varieties:
  - a. Australian Pied vice Dominate Pied
  - b. Texas Clearbody vice Sex linked Clearbody
  - c. Easley Laced Clear vice Dominate Clearbody (#43 2004)
- cc. To accept the Appendix of Judges and exhibitor notes. (#44 2004)
- dd. removed pursuant to 16. Judges Panel tt. (2016)
- ee. removed pursuant to 16. Judges Panel tt. (2016)
- ff. To insert where it pertains to a signature in the Judges Panel Rules & By Laws, that an email document is an official document and suffices as a signed document. (#20 2006)
- gg. Judges' Panel to pay WBO fees. (#20 2006)

hh. Any votes of the Judges' Panel may only occur at an All American. (#20 2006)

ii. Page 11 D2 of the Judges' Panel General Rules: Add after the last sentence: "An exception to this rule would apply to any judge who is 75 years or older and has been a Panel Judge over 30 years. They will be given a Lifetime Active Membership on the panel and would remain on Active Status as long as they are able to fulfill all the requirements. (#20 2006)

jj. Under "II. Qualifications Required of Applicant to the A.B.S. Judge's Panel" Change Rule "A" to state "A. The applicant must have bred and raised budgerigars for exhibition purposes for a minimum of seven (7) years." "One Exemption be allowed, per Qualifying Committee approval."

Add a rule "III." To be called "Foreign Judge Applicants" and make current rule III, Rule IV. Under "Foreign Judge Applicants" have the following rules.

A. Definition of a "Foreign Judge" a Budgerigar judge who resides outside the USA.

B. All Rules in Section II. "Qualifications Required of Applicants to the A.B.S. Judge's Panel" shall apply unless overridden by "Foreign Judge Rules".

C. Any foreign judge applying must submit proof of current or past status as a certified judge and submit a copy of rules from their society.

D. Applicant will only need to be a member of ABS in good standing for three (3) years.

E. Once being approved as a Trainee, he/she will not have to take training sessions, number (1) one and number (2) two.

F. Any Judge Applicant can only serve on one USA panel. (#27 2008)

kk. ABS panel judges are only authorized to sign ABS show reports, and ABS certificates. This rule does not apply to ABS judges that are invited to judge in foreign countries. (#28 2008)

ll. Make Section 7, Dark Factors read, includes Normal, Opaline & Cinnamon. (#29 2008)

mm. Judges Panel requires that new ABS Judges be ABS Classifiers. (#19 2009)(2016)

nn. To grandfather current judges as qualified to classify and make it a prerequisite that future judge applicants pass the test to become classifier prior to becoming a judge. This requirement shall not be one of the allowed exemptions on the judge's application. (#29 2011)

oo. No judge shall be deemed a “Foreign” judge for purposes of judging an ABS show if that judge is a resident of the United States. (#12 2011)

pp. 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 (2014)

qq. Motion to remove Black Eye clear, Albino, Lutino, and Crested from the composite list (2014)

rr. To add a drop down menu on the judges section of the ABS website, any questions concerning the Judges Panel contact the judge’s panel chairman (2014)

ss. WBO Representative is the Judges panel Secretary (2014)

tt. To remove the paragraphs (previously "ee") regarding Absentee Ballot for members of the Judges Panel from the Resolutions and to continue to not allow “proxy” votes from the Judge’s Panel. (2016)

uu. An ABS Panel Judge shall only judge a Budgie Show within the U.S., of a club that has affiliated with ABS for that year and has that show within the U.S., and has been granted patronage for that show. This shall not prevent an ABS judge from judging a show outside of the U.S. (2016)

## **17. CLASSIFIERS**

a. Anyone wishing to apply to become an ABS Classifier must submit a request for an application from the Secretary of the Judges Panel. The completed application, accompanied by a \$10.00 application fee, must be submitted to the Secretary by June 30th of each calendar year. Applicant must be well versed in all varieties of the Budgerigar. (1994)

b. The classifier’s Exam will be held yearly at the All American. Applicants would be tested after the Rare birds have been judged. Birds will be taken from the Rare Division from differing categories. The applicant would place each bird in its proper class, section, with proper sex and age. Placement will be done in writing. To successfully pass the classifier’s exam a score of 90% will be necessary. (#40 1994)(2016)

c. ABS provide ABS classifiers with appropriate documentation such as the ABS Standard of Perfection Book etc. from the \$10 fee and the residual of the fee to go to ABS treasury. (#31 1996)

d. That ABS provide some form of identification for qualified classifiers. (#32 1996)

- e. To allow Classifier Tests to be given at District Regional Shows. (#39 2003)
- f. To allow the hosting club(s) at each year's All American to determine the day and time that the Classifier's Exam will be given at that All American, provided that it does not create a conflict with another event, and the day and time is within reason, effective immediately upon majority vote date. (#5 2015)
- g. To allow the inclusion of up to 3 non-Rare birds within the ten birds selected for the Classifier's Exam, effective immediately upon majority vote date. (#6 2015)

## **18. COMMITTEES**

- a. That ABS affiliate as a Specialty Organization with the AFA at a cost of \$125. per year and shall continue that membership annually. (# 14 2005) That ABS continue the AFA affiliation. ABS shall appoint a member and if no current AFA member is available, ABS will then pay the AFA dues for our appointee. (#14 2009) ABS discontinued affiliation with AFA effective January, 2015.
- b. Chairman or designee of the Scholarship Committee to have a fundraiser at the All American for the scholarship fund. (#17 2006)
- c. That the ABS President appoint up to three (3) members to serve on an "ABS All American Advisory Committee". The Committee is to work with the host club sponsoring the annual All American show and meetings. The Committee should assist and advise host clubs in maximizing attendance while ensuring ABS requirements and protocol are maintained. (#24 2009)
- f. Establish a recruitment Committee of three members to review and report to the Executive Committee. (#16 20 2010)

## **19. PRODUCTS**

- a. ABS will no longer reproduce Eric Peake's variety painting in its original size 22" X 30" for resale through the Products Division. (#53 1986)(2016)
- b. The Products Division phone number be placed in the bulletin for inquiries only, no orders will be filled by phone. (#31 1989)
- c. ABS adopt its current show cage design as the standard show cage and encourage its use. (#23 1993) That ABS have custody, control and ownership of the approved ABS show cage plans, and distributions through the Products Division at an appropriate price. (#26 1993) (Corrected 1994)
- d. To prepare a promotional publication in magazine format " A Beginner Guide to Breeding and Exhibiting Budgerigars" to be sent free to all new members and then sold



through the Products Division at a cost of \$5.00 per copy. The cost of production is to be funded by advertising. (#103 1994)

e. Continue to sell the ABS poster for currently established prices. (#66 1995)

f. For ABS to produce and sell sets of show tags in the future #8 2012

## **20. REGISTRATION**

a. Separate the Registrar's duties into three positions. 1) Exhibitor of the Year Coordinator responsible for calculating the points for EOY; sending out letters to the exhibitors to confirm EOY points early enough in the year so that problems can be corrected and providing the Editor of the ABS Bulletin the list of EOY winners to be listed in the May/June ABS Bulletin. 2) Registrar with the responsibilities of registering birds and aviaries and to provide the Editor with a ongoing list to be published at least by May/June issue and 3) Advancement Secretary responsible tracking the wins toward advancement for Junior, Novice and Intermediate exhibitors and providing the Editor of the ABS Bulletin a report of those exhibitors that advanced to the next division listing the wins (band code, bird description, show, placement and judges) for publication in the March/April issue. (#6 2002)

b. That ABS return the registration procedure, to include grand dams, to that which existed prior to 1985. (#44 1986)

c. Show Report Coordinator position to be created. (#8 2002)

d. The Best Young in Show will be given one point toward Grand Champion. (#39 1990)

e. The ten (10) point maximum a bird can receive in a show should be eliminated. Credit should be given for all points earned even if the points earned exceed ten. This shall begin in the 1991 show season. (#40 1990)

f. The ABS Board clarify that the registration charge is \$2.00 for the original registration of a bird, and \$1.00 for each addition transaction on that bird. (#34 1998)

g. Accept registration of any birds regardless of time with the correct paper work. (#11 2000)

h. Members are responsible for registering multiple band codes with Registrar. (#15 2000)

i. The Exhibitor of the Year points be calculated from all show reports received by the ABS Registrar by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the year following the year of competition. Reports do not need to be published in the ABS bulletin to be counted. (#28 2001)

j. All members must notify Registrar of all their ABS band codes and all band codes are to count toward the Exhibitor of the Year awards. (#38 2001)

k. All Officers and Panel Judges should be encouraged to set an example by registering their winning birds with the Registration Division. (# 46 1990)

## **21. MISCELLANEOUS**

a. That the President be reimbursed up to \$350.00 per year for official phone calls and postage. (#60 1984) This resolution is rescinded and no longer in effect. (2017)

b. That voting instructions be printed on the ballot. (#7 2007)

c. ABS convert all documents, rules, bylaws, advancement information to electronic media. (#45 1998)

d. ABS create a section on its web page to list all changes voted on at the All American meetings, including issues passed at the Judge's Panel and Classifiers' meetings; also to include changing the title on web page from Executive Council to Executive Committee. (#23 2001)

e. That ABS continue to participate in the meetings of the International Committee. (#42 1993)

f. To replace the term "English Budgie" with the name "Exhibition Budgie" in all ABS documents. (#24 1994)

g. To establish An Outstanding Member Award to recognize outstanding club members. (#16 2007)

h. ABS publish an update to the By Laws within 60 days following an All American and that at least one copy be sent to each affiliated club and post in the ABS Bulletin.

i. ABS Board of Directors initiates a compilation of ABS history going back to the beginning of the society. (#22 2010)

j. ABS Board of Directors keep a conversation going between ABS and BAA. (#23 2010)

k. No new, free, lifetime memberships for Past President and/or Hall of Fame Member(s) will be offered henceforth. (2016)

l. Remove wording from by-laws that requires or mandates ABS to seek communication with other societies. (2018)

m. ABS Color Standard is the same as the WBO Color Standard with two exceptions. (2018)

n. ABS will no longer have partnerships. Once a band code has been assigned to a partnership, it remains with that "partnership" being "retired" when the partnership ends. (2018)