

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO AVSA BYLAWS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the following proposed amendments to AVSA Bylaws, Articles IV, V and X will be voted on at the AVSA 2021 Virtual Annual Convention.

**Article IV**

**Officers and Their Duties**

**Section 1**

**Elected Officers:**

It is proposed to insert in the first line of the opening paragraph, after the word “shall,” the following words: **“be members of AVSA in good standing and . . .”**

First paragraph currently reads:

“The elected officers of this Society shall fulfill the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority of the Society. The elected officers of this Society shall be:”

If adopted, Article IV, Officers and Their Duties, Section 1, first paragraph under the heading “Elected Officers” would read:

The elected officers of this Society shall **be members of AVSA in good standing and** shall fulfill the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority of the Society. The elected officers of this Society shall be:

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**Section 2**

**Regional Directors:**

It is proposed to add the following new paragraph 1:

“All Directors shall be members in good standing of AVSA.”

**Article V**

**Nomination and Elections**

**Section 1**

**Eligibility:**

It is proposed to amend by striking out paragraphs 1 and 2 and replacing with the language below.  
Paragraphs 1 and 2 currently read:

1. To be eligible to be an elected officer in the Society, a nominee shall be a member in good standing and have served at least two (2) years as a member of the Board of Directors.
2. To be eligible to be a Director, a nominee shall have shown outstanding leadership in African violet related activities.

If adopted, Article V, Nomination and Elections, Section 1, Eligibility, paragraphs 1 and 2 would read:

1. To be eligible to be an elected officer in the Society, a nominee shall be a member of AVSA in good standing and must have completed two (2) years of service on the Board of Directors.
2. To be eligible to be a Director, a nominee shall be a member of AVSA in good standing and have shown outstanding leadership in African violet related activities.

## ARTICLE X

### Committees

#### Section 1

#### Standing Committees:

It is proposed to create the following new committees with the stated responsibilities:

8. **FUNDRAISING:** shall assist with research and recommend funding solutions for various funds, fund drives as needed, other income opportunity programs, and solicitation of contributions, grants and other donation opportunities.
10. **MARKETING:** shall develop and organize a Marketing Plan for AVSA to enhance the visibility and reputation of AVSA and shall guide AVSA, notably the website team, committees, and affiliate chapters, in creating a unified vision, mission, look and feel of AVSA.
17. **WEBSITE:** shall be responsible for coordinating and implementing the functions associated with maintenance of the AVSA website.

It is proposed to amend paragraph 12 by striking from the responsibilities “the AVM and other.” Paragraph 12 currently reads:

12. **PUBLICATIONS:** shall be responsible for the publication of the **AVM** and other **AVSA** literature that the **AVSA** Board shall authorize.

If adopted, paragraph 12 (which will be renumbered to paragraph 14) will read:

14. **PUBLICATIONS:** shall be responsible for the publication of **AVSA** literature that the **AVSA** Board shall authorize.

**ARTICLE X**

**Committees**

**Section 2**

**Special Committees:**

It is proposed to add the following as the first paragraph:

“All members of Standing and Special Committees shall be members of AVSA in good Standing.”

Rationale: The purpose of the proposed amendments is for clarification and consistency. Adding the new committees to the Bylaws is simply to formalize what we’re already doing.

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