

**AGENDA**  
**THE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**  
**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Saturday, June 5, 2021**  
**Cyber Diamond Celebration**

**Presiding** (to open meeting): Glenda Williams, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

**Call to Order:** Glenda Williams

**Invocation:** Linda Hall

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Glenda Williams

**Introduction of Dais Officers:** Glenda Williams

**Presentation of the President:** Glenda Williams presents Sue Ramser

**Adoption of the Standing Rules:** Mary Corondan, Acting Secretary, **Motion 1**

**Appointment of the Committee to Approve the 2021 Minutes:** Randy Deutsch, Chair  
Nancy Hayes  
Linda Price

**Appointment of Timekeeper:** Sandra Skalski

**Appointment of Tellers:** Candace Baldwin, Chair  
Doug Allen  
Jill Jensen

**Report of Committee to Approve 2020 Minutes:** Jeri Anderson, Chair  
Stephen Covolo-Hudson  
Richard Craft

**Report of the Resolution Committee:** Jill Jensen, Chair

**Bylaws Committee, Motion 2:** Mary Lou Harden, Chair  
Ruth Goeke  
Bob Green  
Sue Ramser

## **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.

Mary Lou Harden, Chair, AVSA Bylaws Committee  
Sue Ramser  
Ruth Goeke  
Bob Green

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** Linda Hall, Chair  
Trudy Brekel  
Kathy Lahti  
Sandra Skalski  
Mary Thompson

**Election of Directors, Motion 3:** Scott Ammann (Illinois)  
Kurt Jablonski (Florida)  
Patricia Matson (Wisconsin)  
Leonard Re (California)  
Danny Tidwell (Arkansas)

**Election of Officers, Motion 4:** Susan Anderson, President  
Mary Corondan, First Vice President  
Glenda Williams, Second Vice President  
Sharon Shannon, Third Vice President  
Terri Post, Treasurer  
Open, Secretary

**Recognition of Retiring Directors:** Randy Deutsch  
David Kesler  
Neil Lipson  
Linda Price  
Sharon Shannon

**Recognition of Retiring Committee Chairs:** Carolee Carter, Publications  
Linda Hall, Nominating  
Sue Hoffmann, Resolutions  
Pat Sutton, Courtesy

**Recognition of Retiring Staff:** Teresa Odle, Editor

**Introduction of Incoming Editor:** Sophia Bennett

**Invitation to 2022 Little Rock Convention:** Danny Tidwell, Convention Chair

**New Business:**

**Lest We Forget:** Jill Jensen, Resolutions Committee Chair

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment:**

***AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.***  
**Standing Rules for Zoom Meetings**  
**Board of Directors Meetings and Annual Meeting**

1. Upon entering the meeting, members will check their name to be sure both their first and last name is on their account.
2. All attending the meeting shall “mute” themselves during the entire meeting unless recognized to speak by the chair.
3. All board members shall use and turn on video camera on (if you have one), so everyone can be seen and heard during the meeting.
4. All electronic devices, pets, and family members should be set on silent during the meeting.
5. At the beginning of the meeting, everyone may say “hello” in the chat box.
6. Members desiring to make motions, amend motions, second motions, or debate shall press the “raise hand” button.
7. Members must wait until recognized by the chair before speaking. When that occurs, the member should “unmute” before speaking.
8. All remarks shall be addressed to the chair.
8. When finished speaking, press the “mute” button and “lower hand.”
9. Main motions and amendments longer than a few words shall be typed in chat box.
10. Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker.
11. All voting will take place in the polling box.
12. Following the meeting, a polling report will be sent to the teller committee for verification of polling results.
13. During the last 5 minutes, members may type closing thoughts in the chat box. (i.e., What worked well and what needs improvement?)