



Dear Member:

Below you will find the NRHA Board of Directors recommendations on the 2009 proposed Bylaw changes. These are the ONLY recommendations that the full NRHA Board of Directors has issued. Every Board member considered carefully the effect that the proposed changes will have on, and work in conjunction with, existing Bylaws and rules. These recommendations were not decided upon by the NRHA Executive Board, any NRHA committee or any single interest group or person, but instead by your representatives. The NRHA Board of Directors voted on each proposed Bylaw change with one goal in mind; to do what is best for the future of Reining, the NRHA, and its members. The Board asks that you take a few minutes to consider their position on each proposed By-law, and its ramifications, and then vote your conscience.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON THE 2009 PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES & THE 2009 NRHA OFFICER CANDIDATES!**

**THE DEADLINE TO CAST YOUR BALLOT ELECTRONICALLY IS MIDNIGHT AUGUST 4, 2008  
OR CAST YOUR VOTE IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 9, 2008.**

**2009 PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES:  
NRHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORT/ NON SUPPORT**

**[05-01-09:](#)**

**NON SUPPORT**

Although there was some value in sections of this Bylaw submission, there is wisdom in allowing the Bylaw changes creating an elected Board of Directors in 2007, effective 2009, to be implemented and analyzed before any additional restructuring be supported.

**Article V Section 1 d**

This article would prohibit a foreign NAA from appointing a fellow countryman to a board seat that lived in an area that would allow them to attend board meetings more economically which could affect their representative's attendance that is crucial. That NAA should have the autonomy to select the member best suited to represent them.

**Article V Section e**

The pool of volunteers is not deep enough to prohibit recruitment.

**Article VI Section 2 g**

This article prohibits the ability to utilize the EB members expertise in as committee chairs limiting the pool of resources that the President will have to create productive committees. The president has only 5 appointees; therefore, the elected board will be the only option besides the 5 appointees to populate committee chairs. This could be very prohibitive.

**Article VI Section 3**

This article does not allow the President to appoint a task force without board approval which would affect the association ability to complete some projects in a timely manner. Given that task forces are

time sensitive adding the burden to achieve a quorum of the board of directors to gain approval that gathers information that has to come back to the Board with its findings, slows the Associations ability to function.

In addition, the mandatory size of the task force, (5 to 9 members), is too large to function efficiently in some cases.

**Article XII Section 1**

This article would require a super majority (2/3) of the membership to vote for any future changes of any bylaw.

**06-01-09:**

**SUPPORT**

To ensure the membership is represented by people with experience, knowledge, and have the foresight to help NRHA prosper in the future.

**07-01-09: WITHDRAWN**

**10-01-09:**

**NON SUPPORT**

The membership elects its representatives and should use that vehicle to convey their message on issues that they have an opinion. The timeline for the transfer of information would not work in harmony with Association demands.

**11-01-09:**

**NON SUPPORT**

It was felt that there was value in pride of ownership in being a life member and an option that should remain. Historically it has been offered since NRHA began and continues to be used. To issue no financial burden to the Association, the fee for Life Membership was raised from 1,500 to 2000 dollars.

**11-02-09:**

**SUPPORT**

To allow the strengthening of the National Associations at the same time as the NRHA grew. Without this many developing country's associations will not survive.

**11-03-09:**

**SUPPORT**

To support existing Affiliates and align membership requirements with today's environment.

**11-04-09: WITHDRAWN**

**11-05-09: WITHDRAWN- PASSED AS BOARD RESOLUTION**

**13-01-09:**

**SUPPORT**

This will allow the current fiscal year-end, completion of our annual audit, and reporting to the general membership to work in harmony.

**14-01-09:**

**SUPPORT**

This is consistent with how the association does business presently.

**53-01-09:**

**SUPPORT**

To make the Youth Bylaws current with the actual process and to remove conflicting language.

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