

Proposed Revision to the By-Laws, Article II, Section 3

This section of the By-Laws deals with expired memberships. The current language has timelines involving 30, 60 and 120 days. These time lines are sometimes confusing to members and they don't encourage timely membership renewals. Further, they are not in agreement with the current sweepstakes program we use that drops membership 30 days after the expiration of membership date.

The current language of this section is as follows:

Section 3. The Secretary shall promptly notify all members within (30) days prior to the Expiration of their membership. Dues that are not paid with sixty (60) days of the expiration of membership will result in loss of all membership privileges. If dues are not paid with 120 days of expiration of membership, the membership information will be dropped from all association files. If a renewal is received after that date, membership start date will be date of membership payment.

The proposed revision follows:

Section 3. The secretary shall notify all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of their ASRBA membership. If the membership renewal, using the postmarked date, is not made prior to thirty (30) days of the expiration date all the privileges of membership including sweepstakes standing shall be forfeited. If a membership renewal is postmarked after the thirty day grace period, the new membership will start of the postmarked date of the renewal. This language will become effective July 1, 2023.

The Constitution, By-Laws and Show Rules Committee discussed the issue of forfeiture of sweepstakes points as contained in the above proposal. There are reasons for such practice to be included. Others felt that validly earned sweepstakes points before termination of membership should not be forfeited. There is no requirement that exhibitors must earn sweepstakes points through the duration of the sweepstakes year ending June 30 for every year. In other word if a membership had earned 1000 points in some category and their membership expired on January 31 they would be entitled to whatever award, if any, that the 1000 points were entitled to receive after the June 30 conclusion of the sweepstakes year. If the general membership agreed with the nonforfeiture of duly earned sweepstakes points the following language could be considered as an amendment. The pertinent language is underlined.

Amendment to proposed revision above:

Section 3. The secretary shall notify all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of their ASRBA membership. If the membership renewal, using the postmarked date, is not made prior to thirty (30) days of the expiration date all the privileges of membership shall be forfeited. Sweepstakes points properly earned prior to the end of the thirty (30) day grace period will stand, but no additional points will be counted during any period of lapsed membership. If a membership renewal is postmarked after the thirty (30) day grace period, the new membership will start on the postmarked date of the renewal. This language will become effective July 1, 2023.

Voting on the above changes:

Step 1. Motion and second to approve this proposal revision if desired.

Step 2. Motion and second to amend the proposal revision if desired.

Step 3. If motions are made & seconded in steps 1 & 2 vote on amendment first.

Step 4. If step 3 passes vote on motion in step 1 as amended.