



Fun, Fitness, Friendship

**AVA: America's Walking Club
And the Rocky Mountain Region
Present the**

20th AVA BIENNIAL CONVENTION

**June 7th—9th, 2017
Billings, Montana**



**Official
Program**

June 12, 2017

Hello Fellow Volkssporters

WELCOME to Billings, Montana and our 20th AVA Biennial Convention.

This will be an exhilarating time as over 450 Volkssporters will gather to fully enjoy the fun, fitness and friendship which are the mainstays of Volkssporting. The schedule will provide a myriad of events and activities so you will always will have an adventure to enjoy.

The events will cover a wide range of trails from Crazy Horse, lofty mountains to city streets including a brewery tour and will stimulate your senses that you will see, feel and hear as you stroll along the trails. And, besides the enjoyment of the walks, you will, of course, be able to stamp in your books at the end +of the trail. Special Convention stamps will be available at the end of each event for entry into your event and distance books and special program books. National Executive Council (NEC) stamps will also be available to complete Special National Officer Book (SNOB) which will expire at the end of the Convention. There also will be chances to swim and bike.

You will have the opportunity to attend various workshops covering Trailmaster training, topics on how to improve various club activities, how to use poles while walking and topics on how to put on quality events, you will be able to meet all National Officers, the Executive director and the 10 Regional Directors and attend an NEC meeting. At the general sessions, you will hear reports of the AVA officers, elect new national officers, pass or reject proposed Bylaw changes and select the sire for the 2019 Convention. Also, Volkssporters and clubs will be recognized for their dedication and service to promote Volkssporting

But it's not all events and meetings. We'll have a Meet and Greet where you can meet old friends and meet new ones and a banquet to wrap up the Convention.

The Convention Committee has worked long and hard to make this Convention a memorable one. Be sure to thank them for all their efforts and accomplishments.

The Convention provides a fantastic opportunity renew old friendships and make new ones and recharge batteries to carry on the promise of Volkssporting. But most importantly. **ENJOY YOURSELVES AND HAVE FUN.**



Dennis Michele
President, American Volkssport Association

Howdy!

On behalf of the Rocky Mountain Region and its 13 member clubs, I would like to welcome you to Billings, Montana for our 20th AVA Biennial Convention. We have had a ball working on the convention to bring you to an awesome place you might never have been before, and have certainly never done an AVA-sanctioned walk here, since there are no clubs in Billings.

As you may already know, Billings is “Montana’s Trailhead,” and offers a large variety of walking and biking trails. For your walking experience in Billings, we have planned the Swords Rimrock Trail, the Yellowstone River trail, and the downtown brewery tour. Pre-convention events will include a soothing walk along Clear Creek in Buffalo, Wyoming, and an awesome historic walk at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument in Crow Agency, Montana. Post-convention events include a walk in the charming mountain town of Red Lodge, Montana, and our last walk will be in Cody, Wyoming, a true Western town with lots of history. We will also be sponsoring the “Kitra Memorial Bike” along the Yellowstone River and a swim event at the Red Lion Convention Hotel in Billings, which are available to do anytime at your convenience during the three days of convention.

In addition, we will have our social events, our informative workshops, vendors and club tables in the Convention Center for you to enjoy. The socials include the Wednesday night Meet & Greet, a true volksmarch experience with brats, hamburgers and huckleberry sliders, and our Friday night dinner offers two entrees (London broil and Boursin chicken).

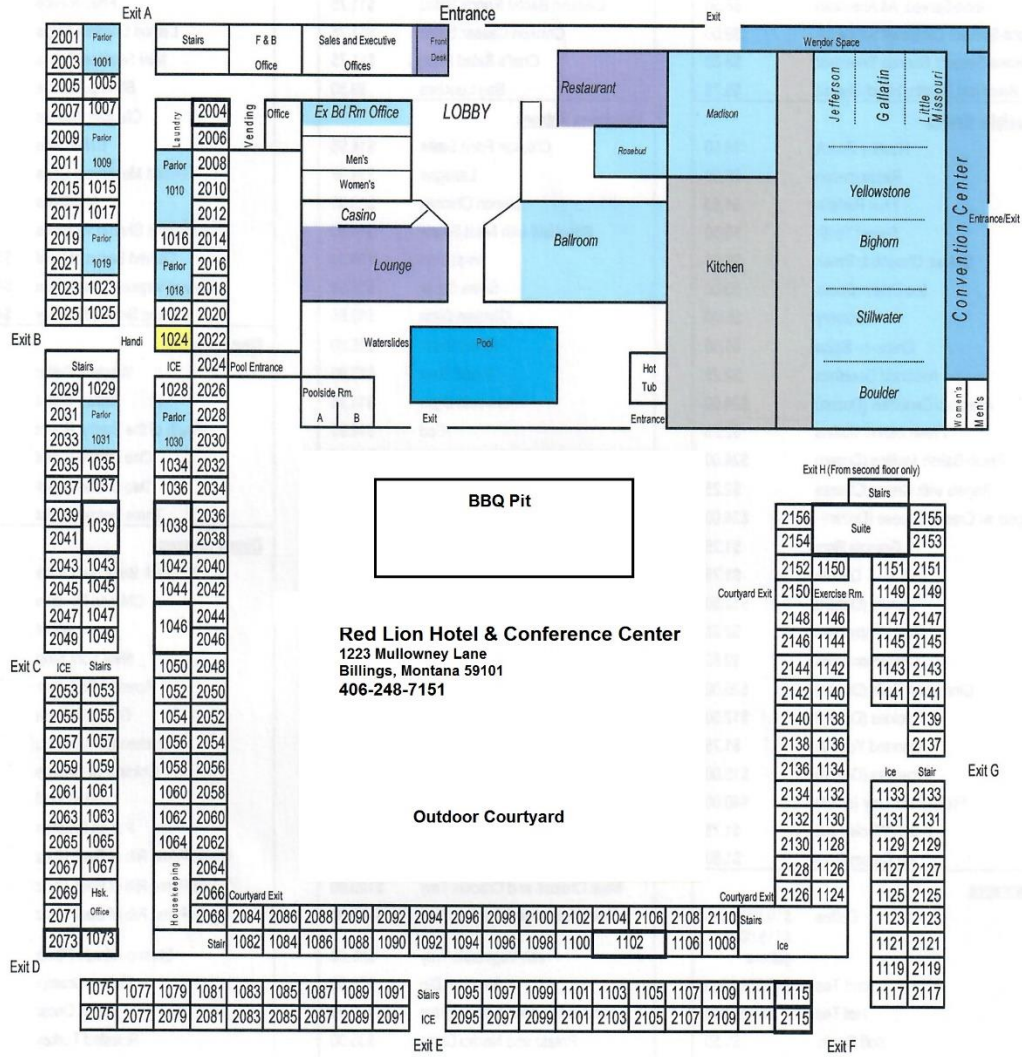
If you still have time to take in some sights, Pompey’s Pillar National Monument is about 30 miles from Billings. This is the site that bears William Clark’s signature carved into the pillar, the only physical evidence of Lewis and Clark’s expedition in 1806. There is also Pictograph Cave State Park, a mere five miles from Billings, where you can explore three caves and see evidence of habitation from 3,000 years ago.

We hope you will come to Billings and Step out of Bounds with us for a Whole Different Kind of Convention.

Sherry Sayers

Convention Chairperson

Hotel Layout



Rooms 1001 to 1151 are on the first floor & Rooms 2001 to 2156 are on the second floor.

Soda Machines are located at Exit A, B, C, D, E, F, G - First Floor and Second Floor
 Ice Machines on first floor are located at Exit B, C & G, second floor are located at Exit E

Schedule of Events

Workshop Descriptions

Time	Function	Location
Monday, June 5th, 2017		
0800-1200-1500 (8:00am-12:00pm-3:00pm) TIMES changed Times may change again due to bus availability	Mentock Trail Walk	Prosinski Park, Buffalo, WY
Tuesday, June 6th, 2017		
0830-1030-1300 (8:30am-10:30am-1:00pm) NOTE SHORTER TIMES	Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument Walk	Stone House Parking Lot, LBBNM, MT
1400-2000 (2:00pm-8:00pm)	Registration	Jefferson Room
Wednesday, June 7th, 2017		
0700-1500-1800 (7:00am-3:00pm-6:00pm)	Yellowstone River Walk	Convention Center Entrance
0800-1330 (8:00am-1:30pm)	Registration	Jefferson Room
0800-1200 (8:00am-Noon)	Silent Auction Setup	Madison Room

Time	Function	Location
0800-1200 (8:00am-Noon)	Vendor Setup	Convention Center
0800-1200 (8:00am-Noon)	AVA Tech Bar Setup	Rosebud Room
0800-1300 (8:00am-1:00pm)	Credentialling	Little Missouri Room
0900-1100 (9:00am-11:00am)	State Association Meetings Contact the Convention Committee to sign up for your slot	Parlors as Required
0900-1045 (9:00am-10:45am)	Officer Candidates Open Forum	Parlor 1001
1100-1345 (11:00am-1:45pm)	NEC Meeting with working lunch	Parlor 1010
1300-1900 (1:00pm-7:00pm)	Silent Auction	Madison Room
1300-1900 (1:00pm-7:00pm)	Vendors	Convention Center
1100-1900 (11:00am-7:00pm)	AVA Tech Bar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The New AVA Database • Building and Maintaining a Web Site • Online Start Box • Electronic Sanction Request 	Rosebud Room
1400-1630 (2:00pm-4:30pm)	General Session	Stillwater Room
1700-1845 (5:00pm-6:45pm)	President's VIP Reception - By Invitation Only	Presidential Suite

Time	Function	Location
1900-2200 (7:00pm-10:00pm)	Meet & Greet Burgers, Brats, Huckleberry Pork Sliders	Courtyard
	Thursday, June 8th, 2017	
0800-1400 (8:00am-2:00pm)	Registration	Jefferson Room
0800-1800 (8:00am-6:00pm)	Silent Auction	Madison Room
0800-1800 (8:00am-6:00pm)	Vendors	Convention Center
0800-1800 (8:00am-6:00pm)	AVA Tech Bar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The New AVA Database • Building and Maintaining a Web Site • Online Start Box • Electronic Sanction Request 	Rosebud Room
0800-1330 (8:00am-1:30pm)	Credentialling	Little Missouri Room
0700-0815 (7:00am-8:15am)	Workshops Tentative Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HQ Operations • Club Operations Training • Volksmarching in Self Defense • Ice Age Trail Alliance • Couch to 5K • Meetup 	Workshop Descriptions
0830-0945 (8:30am-9:45am)	Workshops Tentative Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Billings • News Media Relations • Taoist Tai Chi for Walkers 	Workshop Descriptions

Time	Function	Location
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience an Event • Walking Adventures International • Trailmaster Training • Pole Walking • The New AVA Database 	
1000-1115 (10:00am-11:15am)	Workshops Tentative Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Adventures International • Walk Beside Me with Christine Handy • History of Billings • Taoist Tai Chi for Walkers • Club Operations Training • AVA and Navigators • The New AVA Database 	Workshop Descriptions
1130-1245 (11:30am-12:45pm)	Deli Lunch	Courtyard
1430-1730 (2:30pm-5:30pm)	General Session	Stillwater Room
1800-1930-2200 (6:00pm-7:30pm-10:00pm) NOTE SHORTER TIMES	President’s Walk (Brewery Tour Downtown Billings)	Convention Center Entrance
	Friday, June 9th, 2017	
0700-1100 (7:00am-11:00am) TIMES changed Times may change again due to bus availability Last bus returns at 1100, so 4 hours to do 10K	Swords Rimrock Park Walk	Convention Center Entrance

Time	Function	Location
0800-1100 (8:00am-11:00am)	Registration	Jefferson Room
0800-1300 (8:00am-1:00pm)	Credentialling	Little Missouri Room
0800-1100 (8:00am-11:00am)	Silent Auction	Madison Room
0800-1100 (8:00am-11:00am)	Vendors	Convention Center
0800-1100 (8:00am-11:00am)	AVA Tech Bar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The New AVA Database • Building and Maintaining a Web Site • Online Start Box • Electronic Sanction Request 	Rosebud Room
1100-1230 (11:00am-12:30pm)	Box Lunch	Courtyard
1400-1730 (2:00pm-5:30pm)	General Session	Stillwater Room
1400-1800 (2:00pm-6:00pm)	Silent Auction Pay & Pick Up	Madison Room
1900-2300 (7:00pm-11:00pm)	Out of Bounds Bash Friday Evening Plated Dinner Guest Speaker Christine Handy	Boulder Room
	Saturday, June 10th, 2017	
0800-1200 (8:00am-noon)	Silent Auction Pay & Pick Up	Madison Room

Time	Function	Location
0800-1200-1500 (8:00am-12:00pm-3:00pm) TIMES changed	Red Lodge Walk	High School, Red Lodge, MT
Sunday, June 11th, 2017		
0800-1400-1700 (8:00am-2:00pm-5:00pm) TIMES changed	Cody Walk	Riley Arena, Cody, WY

Christine Handy-Keynote Speaker, Friday Evening Dinner



A wife, mother, and breast cancer survivor, Christine Handy, who wrote a best selling book called *Walk Beside Me* as a description of her illness and her long road to recovery, is the American Volkssport Association’s banquet speaker on Friday Evening. *Walk Beside Me* is not only a book title; it is the story of the fulfillment of AVA: America’s Walking Club’s themes of fitness and friendship. The Banquet is the culmination of energizing and exciting AVA meetings and walks of the organization’s bi-annual convention.

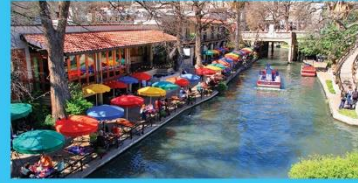
Christine was an accomplished national and international model which included JC Penney, Bud Light, Pepsi, Petco and Target as clients. Her current professional goals include serving as an ambassador for cancer-related causes. Her story has been featured in Healing Touch, Town & Style, Kindred Spirit Magazine, Outreach Magazine, and AVA’s newspaper, The American Wanderer. She has been featured on Fox News Radio and has spoken at multiple organizational events.

When asked about her experiences and book, she states, “My core message in *Walk Beside Me* is about friendship, the true power of friends. Not friends who stand by you for a few days but friends who never forsake you and stand by you season after season. It’s a story of friends that sustain and carry you when you can’t carry yourself.” She highlights both her life and her book by saying her favorite line is “your being, your love, your gratitude – that’s your music. It takes place inside of you, and you are the machine that can play. There’s no other instrument like you, nowhere in the world. That’s what makes you unique.”

AVA Convention attendees are in store for a moving and inspiring talk from one who has been there, Christine Handy. She enjoys interacting with people, and might we say, her future AVA friends. Within AVA clubs and local communities, the messages of friends and friendships resonate with AVA values of interaction and relationship. Come and listen to her walking adventures Friday evening!



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AVA Past Presidents

Year Elected	Convention Location	President	# of individuals who have served
1979	Dayton, OH	David Toth	1
1981	Fredericksburg, TX	Carol Coffee	2
1983	Norfolk, VA	Max Martin	3
1985	St. Louis, MO	Max Martin	
1987	Tacoma, WA	Tom Boyd	4
1989	Dayton, OH	Tom Boyd	
1991	Baltimore, MD	Julian Bauer	5
1993	Austin, TX	Lynn Clark	6
1995	Portland, OR	Lynn Clark	
1997	Winston-Salem, NC	Ted Ballman	7
1999	Muncie, IN	Ted Ballman	
2000	San Antonio, TX (NEC Meeting)	Nancy Stenger	8
2001	Bellevue, WA	Nancy Stenger	
2003	Colorado Springs, CO	Shirley Lindberg	9
2005	Cherry Hill, NJ	Shirley Lindberg	
2007	Sacramento, CA	Curt Myron	10
2009	Richardson, TX	Curt Myron	
2011	Orange Beach, AL (NEC Meeting)	Dennis Michele	11
2011	Des Moines, IA	Heinz Johnson	12
2013	Orlando, FL	Dennis A. Michele	
2015	Salem, OR	Dennis A. Michele	

S.N.O.B. Stamp Schedule

20th AVA Biennial Convention

EVENT	NEC MEMBERS President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, South Central RD, Pacific RD, North Central RD, Southeast RD, Mid- America RD, Atlantic RD, Northwest RD, Northeast RD, Rocky Mountain RD, Southwest RD, Executive Director
WEDNESDAY JUNE 7, 2017 YELLOWSTONE RIVER	AS ABOVE
THURSDAY JUNE 8, 2017 PRESIDENT'S BREWERY TOUR	PRESIDENT'S STAMP *
FRIDAY JUNE 9, 2017 RIMROCKS	AS ABOVE
SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2017 RED LODGE, MT	**
SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2017 CODY, WY	**

*President will personally stamp books at the hotel after the Brewery Walk Thursday night. The NEC stamps/executive director stamp will be available at Walk Central at the hotel during the hours of 8 am to 11 am and 1 pm to 4 pm all three days in Billings.

**There may be a few stamps available in Red Lodge and Cody.



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Committee Member POC with hosted program(s):

Teresa Arnold	Lady Liberty Walking the USA – Street by Street	Broken Arrow, OK
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Sue Connelly	Trekking With the Trees Walking the Path of Inventions	Everett, WA
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Millie Haupt	Bridges- Spanning the USA Honoring Our Flag	Yakima, WA
Lois Head	Alternative Capitals Animal Safari Food for Thought Points of Reference State Street Sashay Treasure Hunt You'll Never Walk Alone	St Cloud, MN
Diane Hildebrand	National Parks Centennial	Renton, WA
Sharon Snyder	Lakes and Reservoirs Make a Wish at a Water Fountain National Register of Historic Places	Lawton, OK

Sharon Snyder

Take a Walk in a City Park

United States Post Offices

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WAI GUIDE Scott Isom

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WAI Guide Scott Isom will be presenting **"Use your Passport!"** — a colorful look at the insights learned during his years of walking and travel around the world!



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 If you have questions or would like to pick up our latest Adventure Schedule, come talk to us!
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NECROLOGY LIST FOR 2015-2017 CONVENTION

Friends come into our lives and friends leave our lives but AVA friends never walk out of our hearts.

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Barbara Alston	Lisa Holt	Bill Aspedon	
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As of June 3, 2017



American Volkssport Association

General Membership Meeting

June 7/2:00p.m., 8/2:30p.m., 9/2:00p.m., 2017 / Stillwater Room

Red Lion Hotel and Convention Center, Billings, Montana

AVA: America's Walking Club - Agenda

Wednesday June 7, 2017, 2:00 – 5:00p.m./Stillwater Room

1. Opening Ceremony - Color Guard
2. Call to Order
3. Credentialing Report
4. Welcome and introductions
5. Introduction of NEC Members
6. Introduction of guests
7. Approval of Meeting Rules
8. Approval of Agenda
9. Announcement of Official Slate of Officer Candidates
10. Presentations by Candidates for Officers
11. Presentation and Voting on Bylaw Amendments
12. Necrology

Thursday June 8, 2017, 2:30 – 5:30p.m./Stillwater Room

1. Credentials Report
2. Treasurer's Report - 2017/2018 Budget
3. Introduction of the 20th AVA Convention Committee
4. Selection of Mascot
5. Distinguished Achievement Awards
6. Hall of Fame
7. President's Award
8. Presentation by Kevin Kooistra, Executive Director, Western Heritage Center, Billings, Montana

Friday June 9, 2017, 2:00 – 5:30p.m./Stillwater Room

1. Credentials Report
2. Election of Officers
3. Presentation by Russ Palmer, Montana Warrior Run, Billings, Montana
4. Donation to local nonprofit
5. Selection of 21st AVA Biennial Site
Presentation by site bidders
Vote on site
6. Election Results
7. Audience Comments
8. Presentation of new NEC
9. Closing Remarks
10. Closing Ceremony - Color Guard

American Volkssport Association 20th AVA Biennial Convention

Convention Standing Rules 2017

The AVA Secretary submits the following rules of order to govern the business meetings of this convention:

1 VOTING BODY

- 1.1. Each elected National Officer, Regional Director, State Organization and Regular Member Club that is in good standing forty-five (45) days before the opening of the membership meeting shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. The Executive Director shall have no vote. (AVA Bylaws, Article IV 4.3)
- 1.2. One third (1/3) of the eligible voting delegates of the AVA represented in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special membership meeting of the AVA. (AVA Bylaws, Article IV, 4.4)
- 1.3. A delegate's identification badge must be visible when the delegate is in the delegates' seating area during the General Sessions.
- 1.4. Only delegates may be seated in the delegates' seating area. To participate in business delegates must be seated in the delegates' seating area.
- 1.5. The delegate card will be used for identification during voting and to obtain ballots for ballot voting.

2 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- 2.1. The rules in the current version of Roberts's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the AVA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws or any special rules of order which the AVA may adopt. (AVA Bylaws, Article XV, 15.1)

3 MOTIONS

- 3.1. All motions offered from the floor, except procedural motions, shall be promptly signed and submitted in writing to the AVA Secretary before the final vote can be taken on the motion. Motion forms will be supplied and, when completed, shall be delivered to the AVA Secretary. A motion to amend a main motion is handled the same way; it may not be further amended (i.e., a tertiary motion).
- 3.2. Only members of the voting body may introduce a motion.
- 3.3. The Secretary shall read the motion before the final vote on any motion.

4 DISCUSSION

- 4.1. Any delegate who wishes to speak from the floor shall, upon recognition from the Chair, identify himself or herself with his or her name and the name and number of the AVA member he or she represents.
- 4.2. Discussion on a motion shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker. General consent shall be required if additional time is to be granted. If there is an Objection to general consent, a formal vote must be taken and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting shall be required to grant additional time.
- 4.3. No delegate may speak more than once to an issue until all others wishing to speak have had a chance to do so.

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4.4. No delegate shall be given the privilege of the floor more than twice on the same issue without the general consent of the voting body.

5 VOTING

5.1. A majority vote of the eligible delegates represented in person or by proxy is required for passage of all matters coming before the business sessions.

5.2. VOTING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS (AVA Bylaws, Article XIII)

5.2.1. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the AVA by a majority vote of the eligible delegates represented in person or by proxy, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted to the National Executive Council and submitted, in writing, to all Members at least sixty (60) days prior to the regular or special membership meeting at which a vote shall be taken. The requirement for sixty (60) day notice to all Members of the AVA can be waived by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible votes represented in person or by proxy at a regular or special membership meeting of the AVA.

5.2.2. If Section 13.2 of this Article is used in a regular or special membership meeting of the AVA so as to waive the requirements of Section 13.1 of this Article, then any such amendment must be submitted to the National Secretary in writing. (AVA Bylaws, Article XIII)

5.2.3. Amendments go into effect as soon as adopted unless worded otherwise.

6 ELECTIONS

6.1. National Officers

6.1.1. Nominations from the floor for National Officers will be permitted immediately after the report of the Nominations Committee during the first General Session on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. [See AVA Bylaws Article V, 5.6 (e)]

6.1.2. Before the election, each nominee shall be allowed five (5) minutes to speak before the voting members.

6.1.3. The National Officers shall be elected at large by secret ballot of the voting members of the AVA and designated proxies. A single ballot shall be used for voting on the National Officers. [See AVA Bylaws Article V, 5.6 (d)]

6.1.4. Where only one (1) candidate for a national office has been nominated, no ballots shall be cast by the Members and the Secretary shall call for a voice vote of the Members. [AVA Bylaws Article V, 5.6 (f)]

6.1.5. In the event that more than two (2) candidates are nominated for the same National Office, and upon the first ballot, no candidate receives a majority of the ballots cast, the two (2) candidates receiving the most ballots shall run against each other. Upon the subsequent ballot, the candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected. [AVA Bylaws Article V, 5.6 (g)]

6.2. Regional Directors

6.2.1. Each Regional Director shall be elected by ballot of the Members in the Region. The election may take place at a specially called regional meeting held at the regular membership meeting, or elsewhere, or by mail ballot as the member clubs of the region shall elect at a meeting called by the Regional Director or 10 of the clubs within the region. The incumbent Regional Director, or designee, shall preside at the regional meeting. The regular member clubs holding

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one third (1/3) of the votes that may be cast at the meeting, either in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at the meeting. Elections for Regional Director cannot be held earlier than 90 days before the next regularly scheduled membership meeting. [AVA Bylaws, Article VI, 6.6 (d)]

- 6.2.2. The results of such election shall be delivered to the National Secretary at the regular membership meeting of the AVA. The secretary shall announce the results of the election to the meeting and shall report the results in the minutes of that meeting. [AVA Bylaws, Article VI, 6.6 (f)]

7 TELLERS

- 7.1. The Secretary shall appoint tellers to count ballots and tabulate the results of the election of National Officers. These tellers will also count ballots and tabulate the results of any other matters voted upon by the membership at the meeting.

8 TIMEKEEPERS

- 8.1. The President shall appoint a Timekeeper for the business sessions.
- 8.2. The Timekeeper shall give each speaker a one (1) minute warning before expiration of time allowed.
- 8.3. At the expiration of the time, the speaker, without further comment, shall immediately relinquish the floor.

9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING RULES

- 9.1. Two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible votes represented in person or by proxy shall be required to suspend or amend these standing rules.

10 AUDIBLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES

- 10.1. During all business sessions, all audible communication devices must be turned off or set to non-audible signaling.

AVA Motion Form

I move that _____

Key considerations: indicate who does what, when, and how (why belongs in a Whereas clause or when you speak to your motion); also state where motion goes if in a document.

For amendments: See key considerations plus use the following as appropriate:

- “insert _____,”
- “strike out _____” or
- “strike out _____ and insert _____”

Submitted by: _____

AVA Club Name & Number

Name: _____

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Signature: _____

Disposition: Pass Fail

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