# Ballot

American Berkshire Association Constitution and By-Law Changes Northfield Inn Suites and Conference Center, Springfield, IL Friday, June 27, 2025 4:30 pm CST.

#### By-laws ARTICLE XIX - Markings and Identification Requirements, Section 4

#### Current language:

Disqualification for Registration of Breeding animals. The presence of one or more of the following are disqualifications for registration: a) less than 6 functional teats on each side, b) the presence of one or more swirls on upper half of the body, c) total blindness, d) rectal or uterine prolapse, e) hermaphroditism, f) atresia ani; g) cryptorchidism or monorchidism; h) scrotal and/or umbilical hernia, and i) ear carriage that "breaks" to the point in which ears are continually directed in a downward angle.

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By-laws ARTICLE I -Board of Directors, Section 2

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<u>Section 2</u>. Nominations of candidates – the President of the Board of Directors will appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members only one (1) of whom may be a Director. The committee shall nominate no less than five (5) and no more than seven (7) members to fill the three (3) vacancies.

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Section 2. Nominations of candidates – the President of the Board of Directors will appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members only one (1) of whom may be a Director. All nominating committee members must be voting eligible ABA members in good standings. The committee shall nominate no less than five (5) and no more than seven (7) members to fill the three (3) vacancies.

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#### By-laws AR TICLE I -Board of Directors, Section 3

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Ballots will be mailed to all active members not less than twenty-five (25) days prior to the due date. Members may vote for the nominated candidates or write-in any active member's name; if the person is contacted and is sincere in his/her desire to serve. The ballots will be opened and reviewed by the credentials committee, and counted by the tellers, appointed by the President for that annual meeting. The three (3) candidates, receiving the most votes will be elected each year and serve a three (3) year term.

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Members may request postal delivery of ballots to their registered address, facilitating remote participation in the voting process. Alternatively, downloadable forms are available on the ABA website for printing. Members may vote for the nominated candidates or write-in any active member's name; if the person is contacted and is sincere in his/her desire to serve. The ballots will be opened and reviewed by the credentials committee, and counted by the tellers, appointed by the President for that annual meeting. The three (3) candidates, receiving the most votes will be elected each year and serve a three (3) year term.

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