

By-Laws (Revised 1993)

International Waterfowl Breeders Association

Article I: Duties of the President

The President shall be a member of and act as chairman of the Board of Directors. He/She shall see that the constitution and the by-laws shall be properly executed and that the other officers of the Association shall fulfill their duties correctly. He/She shall preside at Association meetings and shall be an ex officio member of all the committees. He/She may appoint committees for special purposes to carry on the business of the Association. The President shall vote only when there is a tie to be broken on a Board vote.

Article II: Duties of the Vice President

The Vice President shall act as presiding officer should the President be absent or be unable to act. In case of disability of both President and Vice President, the Board of Directors shall select a member of the Board to preside.

Article III: Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer

Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall include:

1. Conducting the correspondence of the Association
2. Keeping an account of all income and of all expenses incurred. Statements of all Association accounts should appear in the newsletter not less than twice in each calendar year.
3. Keeping minutes of all meetings
4. Surcharge of all books, records, and equipment relating the office.
5. Keeping a correct list of all members and of the dues status of each member.
6. Serving as Editor of the quarterly newsletter unless another person has been appointed in that capacity by the President.
7. Serving as caretaker of all inventory which is offered for sale by the Association.
8. It is the responsibility of the Secretary to forward to the Secretary elect all of the records and other materials and equipment which are the property of the Association within thirty days of the completion of his/her term of office. The cost of the shipment of that material to be the responsibility of the Association.
9. Shows which have been selected as meet sites will be sent all materials related to the appropriate meet. After meet reports have been received the Secretary shall see to it that the appropriate awards are sent to the members in good standing.
10. Placing of special meets

Article IV: Duties of the District Directors

1. A Director shall serve on the Board of Directors and shall respond to requests for votes and or opinions regarding Association business. Repeat failure to do so may be grounds for removal from the office.
2. A Director shall place the District Meet in his/her district each year. It is his/her responsibility to place the meet at least ninety days prior to when it will take place and to notify the Secretary in writing of its location.
3. The Director shall make every effort to attend the District Meet and whichever other meets take place within the District.
4. At meets which the Director attends, he/she is the official representative of the Association in the absence of an officer. The Director should assure that the conditions under which the meet has been placed are being met and should accept and forward to the Secretary the dues of any new member.
5. The Director shall appoint a Representative for each state or province within his/her district.

Unless otherwise stipulated, all matters before the Board of Directors will be decided by a simply majority vote. A quorum shall consist of 1/2 plus one.

Article V: The Duties of State/Provincial Representative

State and Provincial Representatives shall place state meets and shall communicate the location of the meet to the Secretary in writing at least ninety days prior to the date on which the meet will be held.

Article VI: Meets and Awards

Awards are offered to members in good standing at the start of the show at which awards are earned. In order to qualify for awards, a show must host a class of waterfowl which consists of at least 65 total waterfowl, at least 50 of which must be ducks and 15 must be geese. Master Exhibitor and Master Breeder points may be earned at any type of meet provided that it meets all Association conditions. All shows which host meets must be sanctioned by the A.P.A. and the A.B.A. and must be open to the world. Judges of the waterfowl must be licensed or must be approved by the IWBA. **(Revised January 2017)**

1. Special meets shall be placed by the Secretary with shows which are deserving and qualified for a meet but which have not been granted another type of meet. Awards shall consist of an Award Certificate for Champion Duck and Champion Goose.
2. State or Provincial Meets shall be placed by the State or Provincial Representative. Awards shall consist of Award Certificate and \$5.00 cash for Champion Duck and Champion Goose. No state or province shall host more than one District Meet in any one show year.
3. District Meets shall be placed by the District Director. Awards shall consist of a ribbons for Champion Duck and for Champion Goose. No state or province shall host more than one such meet in any one year.
4. Three National Meets shall be placed by the Board of Directors after bids have been solicited from interested shows. Each year, one shall be placed in the U.S. east of the Mississippi River and one shall be placed west of the Mississippi River. In Canada, there shall be one Canadian National Meet held each year. **Champion and Reserve Waterfowl shall receive plaques while Champion and Reserve Duck and Goose will receive cash awards in the amounts of \$25 for champions and \$20 for reserve. (Modified October 2016) offered by the IWBA. Clubs that offer monetary payback to the IWBA to be given precedence.** No other IWBA meet higher than a state meet may be held on the same weekend within five hundred mile radius of the National. Shows which bid for the National Meets must do so in writing during the previous year during a time framework that is established and publicized by the Board of Directors and contained in the bid from.

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Bold represents changes from 2016.

5. Juniors shall be offered ribbons for Champion Duck and Goose at district shows as well as Champion and Reserve Waterfowl plaques at the National Meets.

Article VII: Membership Fees (revised 2010)

1. Individual membership: \$20.00 per year
2. Family membership: \$25.00 per year
3. Junior membership: \$15.00 per year
4. Life Time membership: \$300.00

Article VIII: Voting Rights

Each individual member has one vote any time the membership is polled or an election is held. A family membership is entitled to two votes. Junior memberships have no voting rights. A member may not be more than three months behind in dues to be considered a member in good standing and entitled to vote.

Article IX: Recognition Awards

1. Waterfowl Person of the Year: On a yearly basis, the membership will recognize the accomplishments and contributions of an individual by voting that person Waterfowl Person of the Year. Members choose from those who had been nominated earlier in the year. A Waterfowl Person of the Year is given a life membership in the IWBA and is presented with an engraved plaque at a National Meet, if at all possible.
2. Hall of Fame. Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor which the IWBA can pay to a waterfowl breeder or judge. It reflects recognition of a long term commitment to waterfowl and significant contributions to the raising of waterfowl in North America. One person shall be elected each year after nominations are submitted by the membership. Hall of Fame Inductees(or relatives in case the inductee is deceased) are presented with an engraved plaque and become life time members of the IWBA. The aqueous presentation should be held at a National Meet if at all possible.

Article X: Order of Business rules

Roberts Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary guide for all meetings.

Article XI: Elections

1. Elections shall be held every three years to all offices. Nominations solicited by the Secretary in the newsletter no later June 1st of the election year.
2. Each member may vote for all officers and for Director in his/her district.
3. Nominee's names must appear on the ballot before the nominee's acceptance of the nomination has been received in writing by the Secretary.
4. Except for the Secretary-Treasurer, all officers and directors are limited to two consecutive terms in a single office. The Board of Directors may vote to waive this limitation for an individual; office when, in the opinion of the majority, it is in the Association's best interests to do so.
5. Nominations are to appear in the Fall newsletter after they have been accepted by the nominee. The issue containing the names of the nominees should be mailed no later than October 31st. The ballots will be contained in the Winter newsletter which should be mailed no later than December 31st.
6. An election Commissioner shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.
7. Duties of the Election Commissioner: All ballots shall be received by the election Commissioner who will determine that each ballot is properly marked, signed, and dated, and that it has been received by the deadline established by the Board of Directors. The ballots will be tallied and the results will be sent in writing to the Secretary no later than one week after the expiration of the voting deadlines. The Election Commissioner will retain the ballots in the envelopes in which they arrived until he/she is given permission to dispose of them by the newly elected Board of Directors.
8. The Secretary will notify all candidates of the results of the election in writing within one week of receiving the election results. The written notification will include the total number of votes cast and the number which each candidate received for each office.