

SDHSRA By-Law Amendment Proposals 2026

Proposal 1:

Amend Article VI Section A from *the last Saturday of September* to *the last Sunday of September at 10:00am CT*.

Justification: The date change from Saturday to Sunday will result in fewer conflicts for most members wishing to attend the annual meeting, and the later start time of 10am will allow folks time to commute in the morning from farther distances to Pierre/Ft Pierre.

EXAMPLE OF PROPOSAL

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

- A. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, the annual meeting shall be held on the last **Saturday Sunday of September at 10:00am CT** in Pierre/Ft. Pierre, South Dakota, at a place to be designated by the President.

Proposal 2:

Amend Article VI Section A to include a statement that the specific time, date, and location of the annual meeting will be announced no less than 4 weeks (28 days) prior to the annual meeting date.

Justification: Timely announcement of the annual meeting date and venue will allow members time to arrange attendance at the meeting.

EXAMPLE OF PROPOSAL

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

- A. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, the annual meeting shall be held on the last Saturday of September in Pierre/Ft. Pierre, South Dakota, at a place to be designated by the President.
 - 1) **The specific time, date, and location will be announced no less than 4 weeks (28 days) prior to the annual meeting date.**

Proposal 3:

Amend Article VI Section A to include a statement that a draft version of the annual meeting agenda will be published no less than 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting.

Justification: Timely announcement of the annual meeting agenda will allow members the opportunity to review items on the agenda to determine if there are agenda items they would like to review/discuss at the meeting.

EXAMPLE OF PROPOSAL

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

- A. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, the annual meeting shall be held on the last Saturday of September in Pierre/Ft. Pierre, South Dakota, at a place to be designated by the President.
 - 1) **A draft of the annual meeting agenda will be published no less than 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the annual meeting date.**

Proposal 4:

Amend Article VI Section B to include a statement that a draft version of the winter meeting agenda will be published no less than 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the meeting.

Justification: Timely announcement of the annual meeting agenda will allow members the opportunity to review items on the agenda to determine if there are agenda items they would like to review/discuss at the meeting.

EXAMPLE OF PROPOSAL

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

- B. A winter meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the President at the annual meeting. A draft of the meeting agenda will be published no less than 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the winter meeting date.

Combination of proposals 1-4 into one example (assuming all 4 proposals receive passing votes):

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

- A. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, the annual meeting shall be held on the last ~~Saturday~~ Sunday of September at 10:00am CT in Pierre/Ft. Pierre, South Dakota, at a place to be designated by the President.
- 1) The specific time, date, and location will be announced no less than 4 weeks (28 days) prior to the annual meeting date.
 - 2) A draft of the annual meeting agenda will be published no less than 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the annual meeting date.
- B. A winter meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the President at the annual meeting.
- 1) A draft of the meeting agenda will be published no less than 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the winter meeting date.

Proposal 6:

Amend the statement in Article VIII related to distribution of proposed amendments to clearly specify that the Secretary shall publish the proposed amendments no less than 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the meeting date.

Justification: Timely announcement of proposed amendments will allow members time to review and research proposals and prepare any supporting discussion they wish to bring to the meeting. This will also allow individuals who have submitted potentially conflicting proposals the opportunity to discuss and possibly request that one of the proposals be removed from consideration.

EXAMPLE OF PROPOSAL

ARTICLE VIII

AMMENDMENTS

This constitution and the by-laws of this organization may be amended at a duly called general or special meeting of the members of the Association. Those adult members eligible to present a by-law change proposal must have been an adult member of the SDHSRA for three consecutive years.(change 9-24-2011) Any proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than forty (40) days prior to said meeting. ~~The Secretary shall distribute copies of the proposed amendments to all members prior to the meeting as designated.~~ The Secretary shall publish the proposed amendments no less than 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the meeting date.

Proposal 7:

Modify Article V Board of Directors Section A to parse out the separate pieces of the article section.

Justification: This is a long section with many separate provisions that are difficult to interpret in its current format. Parsing out the various pieces of the section into smaller subsections will make this section of the by-laws easier to read and interpret. This proposal does not edit any of the existing content of the section but instead breaks it down into smaller subsections.

Current format of section A:

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association, which shall consist of not less than four (4) nor more than thirteen (13) adult directors. Each region shall elect one director from their region. (Change 9-24-2011) One Director at Large shall be elected from the two (2) Eastern regions by association members of the regions and one Director at Large shall be elected from the two (2) Western regions by association members of the regions. Contestant Officers and the State Queen shall be members of the Board of Directors and, collectively, shall have one vote. The National Director shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Host Site of the State Finals Rodeo will appoint three Host Site Representatives that shall be approved by the Board of Directors. When there is a Host Site location change, the terms of the current Host Site Representatives shall terminate at the conclusion of the current host site location's State Finals Rodeo. (Change 9-26-2020) Representatives for the host site may not vote on the selection of any regional or state finals rodeo host site. (Change 9-27-08)

Proposed format of section A:

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association, which shall consist of not less than four (4) nor more than thirteen (13) adult directors.

- 1) Each region shall elect one director from their region. (Change 9-24-2011)
- 2) One Director at Large shall be elected from the two (2) Eastern regions by association members of the regions and one Director at Large shall be elected from the two (2) Western regions by association members of the regions.
- 3) Contestant Officers and the State Queen shall be members of the Board of Directors and, collectively, shall have one vote.
- 4) The National Director shall be a member of the Board of Directors.
- 5) The Host Site of the State Finals Rodeo will appoint three Host Site Representatives that shall be approved by the Board of Directors. When there is a Host Site location change, the terms of the current Host Site Representatives shall terminate at the conclusion of the current host site location's State Finals Rodeo. (Change 9-26-2020) Representatives for the host site may not vote on the selection of any regional or state finals rodeo host site. (Change 9-27-08)

Proposal 8:

Modify Article V Board of Directors Section A to state that each region shall elect two directors from their region.

Justification: SDHSRA regions currently elect two directors from each region. This amendment will align the current practice with the established bylaws.

EXAMPLE OF PROPOSAL

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association, which shall consist of not less than four (4) nor more than thirteen (13) adult directors.

- 1) Each region shall elect ~~one director~~ two directors from their region.

Proposal 9:

Remove Section E of ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS "A majority of the Board of Directors elected shall constitute a quorum"

Justification: ARTICLE VI MEETINGS Section E states "Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Association." As written, these two rules conflict with each other as the rule in Article V states "majority" and the rule in Article VI more specifically state "ten members".

Proposal 10:

In Article VII Regional Rules Section B remove the entire phrase:

No money will be refunded after the regional application has been submitted, except for a medical reason that is documented by an MD. Original, signed documentation must be provided from an MD. Contestant must provide original written documentation to the SDHSRA Regional or Executive Secretary and specifically request refund, following the refund policy guidelines.(addition 9-25-2021)

Justification:

The SDHSRA maintains a separate refund policy which does not fully align with this statement in the by-laws. Recommend removing the statement from the by-laws and instead just maintain rules surrounding refunds within the refund policy.

EXAMPLE OF PROPOSAL

ARTICLE VII

REGIONAL RULES

B. To promote fair and equal competition and to equalize the number of contestants, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to designate the regional rodeo at which a school may participate. Each regional rodeo shall be considered to be two (2) separate rodeos. First Weekend - Saturday #1 Rodeo, Sunday #2 Rodeo, Second Weekend - Saturday #3 Rodeo, Sunday #4 Rodeo.(Change 9-26-2015) Contestants are eligible to enter any or all rodeos of choice, either 1,2,3,4 or a combination of any four rodeos. A contestant will not be considered for the All-Around title if they do not compete in a Saturday and Sunday rodeo the same weekend.(Change 9-24-2016) ~~No money will be refunded after the regional application has been submitted, except for a medical reason that is documented by an MD. Original, signed documentation must be provided from an MD. Contestant must provide original written documentation to the SDHSRA Regional or Executive Secretary and specifically request refund, following the refund policy guidelines.(addition 9-25-2021)~~ The regional applications must be submitted on or before the deadline set by the Board of Directors.(Change 9-28-19) There are no exceptions to the standards established by this paragraph.

Proposal 11:

Amend Article VIII to correct spelling of AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE VIII

~~AMMENDMENTS~~ **AMENDMENTS**

Proposal 12:

Amend Article IX to correct spelling of AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE IX

ADOPTION OF AMEMDMENTS **AMENDMENTS**