

Follow the CONVENTION GAME To Make a Change in YOUR Association!

You say you want a **RESOLUTION**... well, you know... we all want to change the world

START!

IDEAS

Talk amongst yourselves! Any club, committee, commission or the AHA Board of Directors can bring ideas for change forward as a resolution. (Sorry, no individuals may submit a resolution except the AHA President.) Things to think about: Is there a financial impact? Is it difficult to enforce? Does it require extensive IT programming? Here's a tip: show rules and any item that goes to USEF/EC for approval needs to be a resolution.



SUBMIT A RESOLUTION

Just download the form from ArabianHorses.org/convention and follow directions for submission. **Very important:** Include name and phone number, number of people in the organization submitting the resolution and the AHA financial impact. Make sure it arrives in the AHA office (postmarked or electronically date stamped) by **August 15**.

The Agenda and Resolutions Committee will review your resolution and assign it to a specific Committee (or Committees) for review at Convention. They may send it back for a rewrite before it joins all the other resolutions that get mailed to delegates. **You are now an official proponent!**

PENALTY TOKEN
DOES NOT MEET RESOLUTION CRITERIA OUTLINED IN CHAPTER 9 OF THE AHA HANDBOOK

NOW FOR YOUR VOTE!

Elections occur every year for different officers and commission members. In 2012, Delegates will also vote on a new AHA President. All the candidate bios are in your registration packet.



CONVENTION CARD

HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR RESOLUTION?

Extraordinary or Standard—All resolutions that are approved go into effect on **December 31**, but extraordinary ones go into effect the year they are passed (same year as submitted), and standard ones go into effect the year after they are passed. If USEF/EC needs to approve it, the resolution goes into effect based on their criteria and taking AHA's recommended start date into effect.

YOU ARE NOW AN OFFICIAL PROPONENT!! MOVE AHEAD!!



LAST MINUTE RESOLUTION ALLOWED?
One exception—If you just have to submit a resolution after the **August 15** deadline, you can still get it in for consideration if you get **25 signatures from Delegates** that are officially registered for that year's convention. They don't need to be signatures from your club's Delegates, and the member organization they represent must accompany the signature.

NOT ENOUGH SIGNATURES ON THIS SPACE?
Try Again Next Year

REGISTER EARLY

Everyone should register as either a Delegate, Member or Guest and "early birds" get a member discount up through **October 1**. Each club gets a certificate from AHA with an official count that says you can send a certain number of delegates and alternates based on the number of adult members in your club on **June 30**.

DELEGATE BONUS CARD
Each club gets one delegate up to 50 members
For every additional 50 members, a club may add one more delegate.



FLY TO DENVER! ROLL AGAIN!

PLENARY SESSION

All you Latin aficionados may remember that "Plenary" means "full." This session held in the beginning of Convention allows every delegate and guest to come ask questions of proponent(s) about their resolutions and receive clarification about any part of a resolution they don't understand. **Save the debate** for the General Session floor folks; this is only a time for proponents to make their intentions clear.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS
Besides discussing whatever resolutions have been assigned to them, if any, these meetings allow attendees to hear about what projects or business each committee has been working on throughout the previous year. Some of the most interesting issues are raised during these meetings which can be very educational and lively depending on the topic! **These meetings are usually open to anyone unless marked otherwise on your schedule.**

CONVENTION CARD TAKE ADVANTAGE
of the opportunity to hear what's going on regarding your particular area of interest. If you're a Committee or Commission Chair, make sure to check your mailbox outside the Convention office to stay abreast of changes.

REGIONAL CAUCUS
Regional delegates and invited guests meet on **Thursday night** with their respective regions to determine their stand on specific resolutions and perhaps candidates as well.

REGIONAL CAUCUS CARD
Your region has defined their position!
Move ahead to GENERAL SESSION

GENERAL SESSION
The formalized meeting where Robert's Rules of Order are followed and all voting and debates occur. There are **three General Sessions**. This is where your debate skills can shine!
Speak up!

PASS CONGRATULATIONS! YOUR RESOLUTION IS A RULE!

FAIL TRY AGAIN NEXT YEAR