



1. Policy: That regional groups be informed that, in accordance with an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) ruling, they do not have federal tax exemption by reason of being part of the National Association. The National Association will not obtain Federal tax exemption for the regional groups based on the earlier referenced IRS ruling. However, the regional groups may obtain such Federal tax exemption separately if they so desire.

Adopted: BVA National Board of Directors' Meeting, Los Angeles, California, August 5, 1979.

2. Policy: That, henceforth, the Gold and Silver Gavel awards will not be given to the same regional group in the same years.

Adopted: BVA National Board of Directors' Meeting, Washington, DC, February 25 - 27, 1993.

3. Policy: That, henceforth, biographical sketches of candidates competing in national elections will be published unedited.

Adopted: BVA National Board of Directors' Meeting, Washington, DC, February 25 - 27, 1993.

4. Policy: That, henceforth, the minimum number of members required for a quorum for regional groups will be five (5) members.

Adopted: BVA National Board of Directors' Meeting, Tucson, Arizona, August 8 - 10, 1993.

5. Policy: That, henceforth, no announcements of regional group meetings will be made in the BVA BULLETIN.

Adopted: BVA Executive Committee Meeting, Washington, DC, November 12, 1993.

6. Policy: That, henceforth, regional groups are prohibited from selling any type of merchandise at any BVA National Convention without prior National Board approval.

Adopted: BVA National Board of Directors' Meeting, Washington, DC, March 30 - April 1, 1995.

7. Policy: That, regional groups that have established affiliate chapters, or are planning to do so in the future, should amend their bylaws to include guidelines for the control and administrative support of such chapter(s).

Adopted: BVA National Board of Directors' Meeting, Washington, DC, March 4 - 6, 1999.

8. Policy: That, beginning in 2022, the National Board shall perform new apportionment of members every three (3) years within the four (4) districts based on the total membership in each geographic region.

Adopted: BVA National Board of Directors' Meeting, Alexandria, VA, May 28, 2021.

9. Policy: That, effective immediately, National Board members choosing to run for alternate offices, prior to completing their current term of office, must vacate the current office immediately upon announcing candidacy.

Adopted: BVA National Board of Directors' Meeting, Alexandria, VA, May 28, 2021.

The preceding policies were approved by the BVA Executive Committee at its November 7, 2023, meeting.

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