



## **AMA Congress Delegate and Alternate Delegate Elections 2012-2013 Term**

### **- Procedure and Call for Nominations -**

#### **Introduction**

The AMA Congress Delegate and Alternate Delegate Elections are conducted online using the services of VoteNet, a worldwide leader in web-based voting. The election ballots will open for voting December 1, 2011 and close December 31, 2011. Eligible voters will be able to securely access the ballot created for their AMA District and vote for candidates online. The voting process is secure, fast, and easy.

#### **AMA Congress Delegate and Alternate Delegate Election Basics**

The AMA Congress consists of two Divisions, the Competition Division and the Road & Off-Road Recreation Riding Division. Each Division of the AMA Congress is comprised of Delegates and Alternate Delegates elected by AMA Charter Promoting Clubs and Promoters from each of the AMA's 45 Districts.

In each AMA District, AMA Charter Promoting Clubs and Promoters may elect up to a total of five (5) Delegates and five (5) Alternate Delegates to the AMA Congress as follows:

1. Competition Division - Three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternate Delegates, provided that 1 of these Delegate/Alternate pairs shall be specialists in all-terrain vehicle (ATV) activities;
2. Road & Off-Road Recreation Riding Division - Two (2) Delegates and two (2) Alternate Delegates.

Delegates and Alternate Delegates are elected to serve a two-year term. Terms are staggered to enhance stability and provide for continuity of experience within AMA Congress. For example, the Competition Division has at least one (1), but no more than two (2) Delegate and Alternate Delegate seats available each election cycle (the additional available seats are for the ATV specialists). The Road & Off-Road Recreation Riding Division has one (1) Delegate and Alternate Delegate seat available during each election cycle.

#### **Voting Eligibility**

1. AMA Charter Promoting Clubs and Promoters in good standing and granted such 2011 AMA Charter no later than October 1, 2011, are eligible to vote in this election cycle.
2. Each eligible AMA Charter Promoting Club and Promoter may vote on the AMA Congress Division ballot corresponding to their AMA Charter type of record; either Competition Division or Road & Off-Road Recreation Division.
3. Competition Division AMA Charter Promoting Clubs and Promoters will vote for a Competition Delegate and Alternate Delegate, and an ATV Delegate and Alternate ATV Delegate (as appropriate).
4. Road & Off-Road Recreation Division AMA Charter Promoting Clubs and Promoters will vote for a Road & Off-Road Recreation Delegate and Alternate Delegate.

### **Delegate and Alternate Delegate Eligibility**

Any AMA member in good standing is eligible to serve as an AMA Congress Delegate or AMA Congress Alternate Delegate. Delegate and Alternate Delegate candidates must reside in the AMA District that they seek to represent.

### **Online Election Ballots – Paper Ballot Request**

AMA will mail eligible AMA Charter Promoting Clubs and Promoters a notice providing the Online Election Ballot Internet URL address, login name and password. These notices will be mailed in November to the AMA contact person identified on the charter application.

AMA Charter Promoting Clubs and Promoters MUST ensure their contact name and mailing address is correct in their AMA charter record before October 1, 2011, or risk having their voting information mailed to an incorrect address.

AMA Charter Promoting Clubs and Promoters may request a paper ballot in lieu of electronic voting by contacting AMA Organizer Services prior to December 1, 2011. A paper ballot request will disable online voting capability. All paper ballots must be notarized and received at the AMA offices by close of business December 30, 2011. Online voting will close automatically on December 31, 2011.

### **Incumbent Candidates**

Unless otherwise requested, all incumbent Delegates and Alternate Delegates will automatically be placed on their appropriate election ballot. Delegates will be placed on the Delegate Ballot and Alternate Delegates on the Alternate Delegate Ballot. However, AMA will include incumbent Alternate Delegates on the Delegate ballot upon request of that Alternate Delegate. Delegates or Alternate Delegates not seeking reelection should contact AMA Organizer Services no later than November 11, 2011 to request removal from the ballot.

Incumbent candidates may use the enclosed nomination form(s) to send biographical information and pictures for inclusion on the electronic ballot, or may choose to send this information electronically via e-mail to [sdunphy@ama-cycle.org](mailto:sdunphy@ama-cycle.org).

### **New Candidate Nominations**

Nominations for new candidates will be accepted on the AMA Congress Delegate and Alternate Delegate Nomination Forms (attached). The nomination form(s) must be completed and returned to AMA no later than November 11, 2011. **The cut-off date for nominations and additional incumbent information is November 11, 2011. 'Write-in' voting is also available on the ballots during the actual election period.**

AMA Charter Promoting Clubs and Promoters may nominate Delegate and Alternate Delegate candidates. A representative of the nominating club or promoter must sign the AMA Congress Delegate and/or Alternate Delegate Nomination Form. The nomination form(s) must be notarized **or** returned with a formal letter of nomination on organizational letterhead of the nominating club or promoter.

Interested candidates may also self-nominate by submitting the appropriate nomination form and providing a formal letter of nomination on organizational letterhead from an AMA Charter Promoting Club or Promoter within the respective AMA District.