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Of the

**Budgerigar Association of America**

**ARTICLE I**

**Name and Purposes**

**Section 1.01. Name.** The name of the organization is Budgerigar Association of America (BAA).

**Section 1.02. Purpose.** The purposes for which the corporation is organized are, but not limited to, the following:

1. To provide an opportunity for members to associate together in special interest groups which focus on education and scientific research in a general, narrow, or specialized area of aviculture.
2. To develop and encourage the care of exhibition Budgerigars.
3. To assist and support research and scientific studies in aviculture.
4. To encourage and promote interest in aviculture and to educate and share knowledge among all members regarding aviculture.
5. To keep members and the public informed on laws and regulations relating to Budgerigars and to create a better understanding and closer cooperation between breeders, exhibitors, retailers, suppliers, and regulators regarding aviculture and the Budgerigar.
6. To help educate and assist individuals engaged in Budgerigar breeding.
7. To support Budgerigar shows, bird marts, exhibits, public demonstrations, and other public programs to enhance aviculture, and the care and breeding of Budgerigars.

**Section 1.03. Non-Profit Filing.** BAA shall pay the I.R.S. for its non-profit organization status. (2002)

**ARTICLE II**

**Membership**

**Section 2.01. Classes.** There shall be five classes of members: Single, Dual, Partnership, Foreign, and Junior. There are no life memberships. (1999, 2006)

**Section 2.02. Regions.** Three regions, East, West, and Central will represent the members in different areas of the country. (2017)

**Section 2.03. Qualifications.** Membership may be granted to any individual or partnership that submits a membership application that supports the mission and purposes of the organization, and that pays the annual dues as set by the Board of Directors. (1999)

**Section 2.04. Dues.** Due to the savings of going from a printed Journal to an on-line Journal, membership dues are reduced to $15.00 for a single membership or $25.00 for a single domestic printed membership, $6.00 for Junior membership, and $20.00 for household, dual, and foreign membership. $10.00 is added for a Booster Breeder listing. Yearly dues are from January 1 through December 31. (1999, 2007, 2015, 2017)

**Section 2.05. New Members.** A thank you letter is sent to each new member for joining the BAA. Each new member is notified of the name, address, phone number or the web-site address of the nearest local club. Members who join after March 1 pay $15.00 for Single membership, $20 for dual or foreign membership, and $15 for each partner in a partnership for the remainder of the year. (1999, 2007)

**Section 2.06. Membership Directories.** Directories are available to the membership at a cost to recover the expense of printing and shipping. Members must select an option to participate in order to be included. This option is listed on the membership form. The street address of members who opt in for the membership directory is not included. Information in the directory includes name, city, state, email address and phone numbers. (2009, 2010)

 **Section 2.07. Meetings.** The general membership is invited to attend all official BAA Board meetings and non-executive session judge’s meetings. Members are encouraged to request inclusion on meeting agendas to address issues and concerns. They may participate in discussions and may raise motions, but they have no voting rights. If necessary, the judge’s meeting may be closed for an executive session. Other than that, it is open to the general membership. (1999, 2014)

**ARTICLE III**

**AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 3.01. Authority of Directors.** The Board of Directors is the policy-making body and may exercise all the powers and authority granted to it by law. (1999)

 **Section 3.02. Resignation.** Resignations are effective upon receipt by the Chairperson. If a person feels that they are no longer able to serve on the Board of Directors in a productive manner, the Board shall respect their right to resign. (2003)

**Section 3.03. Removal.** Members of the BAA Board of Directors are service directors, and if they haven’t served some function within a year’s time, they shall be asked to tender their resignation. If the Board of Directors finds that a Board member has been inactive and votes to have that Board member removed, the Chairperson of the Board shall send that person a letter stating that they have been found inactive, and the Board of Directors has voted to remove him or her as a director. The retired director shall be thanked for his or her past contributions and participation. (2003, 2005, 2006)

**Section 3.04. Regular Meetings.** The Board of Directors shall hold at least one regular meeting per calendar year to be held in conjunction with the Grand National Show. Other regular meetings shall be at such dates, times and places as the Board shall determine. (1999)

**Section 3.05. Special Meetings.** Special Meetings shall be at such dates, times and places as the Board shall determine. (1999)

**Section 3.06. Quorum and Voting.** A quorum shall consist of a majority of the directors attending a Board meeting in person or through teleconferencing. All decisions shall be by majority vote of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. If less than a majority of the directors is present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting on occasion without further notice. Voting on issues between meetings, by email or telephone, is acceptable for both Board of Directors and Judges as long as all members of the respective panels have been notified (1999) (2015)

**Section 3.07. Participation in Meeting by Conference Telephone.** Members of the Board may participate in a meeting through use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, so long as members participating in such meeting can hear one another. (2005)

**Section 3.08. Proxies.** Proxy votes are not allowed. Board members who are not in attendance may vote through teleconferencing. (2015)

**ARTICLE IV**

**AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES AND SERVICE POSITIONS**

**Section 4.01. Committees.** The Board of Directors may establish committees of the Board composed of at least two persons which may include non-board members. The Chairperson of the Board shall appoint the chair of such committees, and establish procedures to govern their activities. (1999)

**Section 4.02. Service Positions.** The Board shall consist of Service Directors who perform specific duties. The service positions of the Organization shall be a Chairperson, Administrator/ Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Affiliate Secretary, Advancement/Ranking Secretary, Advertising Secretary, Award Secretary, Band Secretary, Journal Editor, Membership Secretary, Member Retention Administrator, Patronage Secretary, Webmaster, Immediate Past Chairman, and the Judge Administrator. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of Chairperson and Treasurer. Additional service directors may be added by majority vote of the Board of Directors. (1999, 2005, 2006, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017)

 **Section 4.03. Appointment, Tenure, Terms of Office, and Selection of Service Positions.** There is no defined term for director tenure, with the exception of the Chairman and the Judge Administrator, who will serve three year terms with no limit to the number of terms served. Directors shall serve until they feel that they can no longer serve in a productive manner. At that time, they shall tender their resignation to the Chairperson of the Board, who shall respect their right to resign. A successor shall be duly elected. Vacancies occurring by reason of resignation, death, incapacity, removal, or tenure will go out to the membership for nominations, and then voted on by the Board of Directors, with the exception of Chairperson, who will be elected by the membership, and with the exception of the Judge Administrator who will be elected by the Judge’s Panel without the approval of the Board of Directors. An independent accountant will be hired to count the ballots. (1999, 2000, 2005, 2006, 2013, 2015, 2017)

**Section 4.04. Chairperson.** The Chairperson shall be the director of the Organization and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Chairperson shall perform all duties attendant to that office, subject, however, to the control of the Board of Directors. The term duration for the office of chairperson is three years. The Chairperson is authorized to act on minor expenditures and time sensitive issues between Grand Nationals. It shall be up to the discretion of the Chairperson to determine whether or not decisions should be handled in another manner between Board of Directors meetings. The chairperson may be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees. All past Chairpersons shall be permanent members of the Board as long as they members in good standing. (1999, 2003, 2005, 2013, 2016, 2018)

**Section 4.05. Administrator/Recording Secretary.** The Administrator/Recording Secretary will serve as the primary assistant to the Chairperson. The Administrator/Recording Secretary shall run meetings of the Board of Directors in the absence of the Chairperson. The Administrator/ Recording Secretary will take minutes during all meetings for both the Board of Directors and the Judge’s Association. Names shall not appear with the motions in the minutes. A copy of all minutes shall be filed with the Chairperson of the Board, the Journal Editor, and the Webmaster. A document containing compiled motions for both groups shall be maintained by the Administrator/ Recording Secretary. The Administrator/ Recording Secretary shall insure that the Bylaws of the Organization are updated when necessary. They will also update the most current motions for the Judge’s Association. (1999, 2000, 2010 2011, 2017).

**Section 4.06. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall report to the Board of Directors at each regular meeting on the status of the Organization’s finances. The Treasurer shall work closely with the Board of Directors to ascertain that appropriate procedures are being followed in the financial affairs of the Organization. The Treasurer shall be responsible for making insurance arrangements for the affiliated clubs. The Treasurer’s report shall be audited annually. (1999, 2002)

**Section 4.07. Affiliate Secretary.** The Affiliate Secretary shall accept and record affiliate memberships and patronage, and deposit affiliate dues. The Treasurer shall be notified by the Affiliate Secretary when deposits have been made. The Affiliate Secretary shall forward patronage forms to the Patronage Secretary, and in conjunction with the Patronage Secretary, maintain a current show calendar. The Affiliate Secretary shall forward patronage forms to the *Journal* Editor for publication and the Webmaster for posting. (1999)

**Section 4.08. Advancement Secretary.** The Advancement Secretary shall be in charge of tracking member advancement. Upon receiving notice that a member has advanced, the Advancement Secretary shall confirm the member’s wins and advise the Journal Editor and Webmaster of the advancement. (2000)

**Section 4.09. Advertising Secretary.** The Advertising Secretary shall solicit ads from breeders and vendors. Monies collected shall be deposited, and the Treasurer shall be notified of the deposits made. Advertising information shall be forwarded to the *Journal* Editor for publication and the Webmaster for posting. (2000)

**Section 4.10. Band Secretary.**  The Band Secretary shall accept leg band orders, forward them to the band company, and track band orders. The Band Secretary shall maintain a list of band codes and shall act as liaison between members and the band company. Paperwork is to be stored for two years. Monies collected from band orders shall be deposited by the Band Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be notified of the deposit. A corporate credit card is authorized for the sole purpose of paying the band manufacturer. (1999, 2000, 2019)

**Section 4.11. Membership Secretary.**  The Membership Secretary shall accept membership applications and maintain a list of current members. One of the primary responsibilities of the membership secretary shall be the promotion of the Organization and the encouragement of new members. A thank you note shall be written to all new members for joining the BAA. The Membership Secretary shall accept Breeder Booster ads and forward the information to the *Journal* Editor for publication. Dues and Breeder Booster monies shall be deposited, and the Treasurer shall be notified of each deposit made. In addition, the Membership Secretary shall develop a membership directory which shall be available to members wishing to participate. The Membership Secretary and the Treasurer will share an email account for PayPal notifications. (1999, 2003, 2009, 2019)

**Section 4.12. Patronage Secretary.**  The Patronage Secretary shall maintain the inventory of medallions, Challenge Certificate (CC) awards, show tags, and show clips. All medallions and CCs will be mailed to clubs that have paid for their affiliation on March 1. or promptly after notification by the Affiliate Secretary should affiliation be submitted later than March 1. In conjunction with the Affiliate Secretary, the Patronage Secretary shall maintain a current show calendar. The Patronage Secretary is responsible for the sale of show tags and clips. If clubs desiring additional medals, CCs, show tags, or show clips, request them from the patronage secretary before March 1, they will be sent with no additional shipping charge. Additional medals, CCs, show tags, and clips requested after this date will require a shipping charge. Monies collected from these sales, and the sales of additional awards shall be deposited, and the Treasurer shall be notified of each deposit made. Tags and clips shall be mailed to the buyer in a timely manner. (1999, 2005, 2012)

**Section 4.13. Ranking Secretary.**  The Ranking Secretary shall be responsible for tracking the points and CC awards earned by exhibitors. Data shall be obtained from show reports and maintained in a spreadsheet. During the show season, updated reports shall be sent to the *Journal* Editor for publication and the Webmaster for posting on a regular basis. Members wishing to know their standing may contact the Ranking Secretary directly. At the end of the show season, a report of the final standings, including points by division, number of overall CCs and CCs by section, shall be sent to the *Journal* Editor and Webmaster. (1999, 2003, 2010)

**Section 4.14. Judge Administrator.** The Judge Administrator shall preside over the Judges Association and is considered a Service Position on the Board of Directors. The Judge Administrator is responsible for presenting recommendations from the Judges for consideration by the Board of Directors. The Judge Administrator will hold the position for three years with no limit to the number of terms served. The Judge Administrator will be elected by the Judge’s Panel without the approval of the Board of Directors. (1999), (Judge’s Minutes 2013), (2015)

**Section 4.15 Award Secretary.** The Award Secretary is responsible for creating the BAA Breeder of the Year and CC Breeder of the Year Awards. (2015)

**Section 4.16 Membership Retention Administrator.** The Membership Retention Administrator will work with the Membership Secretary in determining which members have not renewed their membership. The Administrator will contact these members, by sending them a letter which includes a membership application, encouraging them to renew. (2015, 2019)

**Section 4.17 Journal Editor.** The Journal Editor will be in charge of Journal content and production. (2016)

**Section 4.18 Webmaster.** The Webmaster will be in charge of maintenance and content of the BAA website (2016)

**ARTICLE V**

**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 5.01. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be September 1 through August 31 but may be changed by resolution of the Board of Directors. The fiscal year for affiliations will be Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 starting in 2013. (1999, 2011)

**Section 5.02. Bank Account.** A bank account shall be established for deposits of Organization funds and for issuing checks for payments. (1999)

**ARTICLE VI**

**AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

**Section 6.01. Amendment of Bylaws.** These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VII**

**AFFILIATED CLUBS**

**Section 7..01 Affiliation Dues.** The **cost** of affiliating will be $ 175.00 effective and are payable January 1. (2011)

**Section 7.02. Show Medallions and Challenge Certificates**. Five medallions (typically for BIS, BOS, BI, BN, and BR) and a full set of Challenge Certificates are provided once annually for each affiliate’s show. The medallions and ribbons will follow the following color scheme.

 Best in Show Purple Ribbon Gold Medallion

 Best Opposite Sex Purple/White Ribbon Silver Medallion

 Best Intermediate Blue Ribbon Bronze Medallion

 Best Novice Green Ribbon Bronze Medallion

 Best Rare Gold Ribbon Bronze Medallion

 Best Junior Red Ribbon Bronze Medallion

 Best Champion Black Ribbon Bronze Medallion

A club may purchase additional medallions for $17.50 each from the patronage secretary. Gold and Silver medallions are specifically for BIS and BOS. Additional bronze medallions and/or different ribbon choices may be requested if a club desires. Requests for extra medallions must be submitted with the club’s patronage form. Additional sets of Challenge Certificates may be purchased for $20.

The design of the medallions for the Grand National was changed slightly:

* All ribbons will have red, white, and blue with a stars & stripes pattern to denote they were won at the Grand National. Two strips of this pattern will run along the length of the ribbon.
* A narrow strip of color may be inserted into the middle of the ribbon between the two stars & stripes patterns to indicate the winner’s award or division.
* BAA will donate medallions for Best Junior, Best Young, and Best Young Opposite Sex in addition the medallions already donated for Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex.

Every major division and award will be covered at the Grand National. (2003, 2009, 2012, 2019)

**Section 7.04. Insurance.** Show and meeting insurance is provided as part of the affiliated club’s patronage. Non-budgie bird clubs will be allowed to affiliate. (2003, 2011, 2019)

**Section 7.05. Show Tags and Clips.** Affiliates can order the show tags from BAA at the cost of $15.00 per 200 tags. (2018) The cost of the show clips to non-affiliates is $20.00 per 100 clips. The cost to affiliate clubs is $15 per 100 clips. (2001, 2002)

**Section 7.06. Foreign Clubs.** Foreign clubs shall be able to affiliate for $150.00 a year and receive patronage forms, and awards. However, they do not receive the insurance. (2001)

**Section 7.07. Affiliate Meetings.** Affiliated clubs will have the option of holding meetings during the year so that members can make their wishes known to BAA regarding what they want from the organization. Any motions made by affiliates will be presented at the next conference call or meeting. (2011)

**Section 7.08. Affiliation and Patronage Forms.** Affiliation and patronage forms will be separated. The patronage form for a show must be turned in 2 months prior to the show for points to count. (2013)

**ARTICLE VIII**

**LEG BANDS**

**Section 8.01. Closed Bands.** All birds exhibited in BAA must be closed banded by the exhibitor. (1999)

**Section 8.02. Band Codes.** Members may select band codes with up to 3 characters (letters and numbers or both) or may choose to have a band code assigned by the BAA Band Secretary. Band codes may be reassigned after five years of inactivity. (1999, 2015)

**Section 8.03. Color Rotation.** Band colors follow the World Budgerigar Organization color schedule.

**Section 8.04. BAA Band Prices.** BAA bands carry the BAA initials. Band prices are determined by the Board of Directors.

**Section 8.05. Issue Date.** Band issue date is November 1 of each year.

**Section 8.06. New Member Bands.** The Band Secretary will discount a new member’s first 25 bands to cost.

**ARTICLE IX**

**JOURNAL**

 **Section 9.01 Journal.** A Journal will be printed quarterly. Archived Journals will be posted on the website after one year. (2017)

**Section 9.02. Solicitation from Members.** In support of the quarterly *Journal*, members and affiliates are encouraged to send in letters to the editor, send information about show dates, purchase advertisement space, write articles, send in show reports with pictures, and give suggestions on how to improve the *Journal*. (1999)

**Section 9.03. Educational Content.** At least four pages of each *Journal* are designated for educational content. (2008)

**ARTICLE X**

**WEBSITE**

**Section 10.01. BAA Website.** A BAA website shall be developed and maintained for informational and educational purposes. (1999)

**Section 10.02. Web Administrator.** The Board of Directors shall appoint a web administrator with responsibly for BAA web content, website development, maintenance, and updates. (1999) (2011)

**Section 10.03. Club Links.** Clubs, not individual members, can post a link on the BAA website for the purpose of selling items that are non-competitive with advertisers in the *Journal. (2005)*

**Section 10.04. Advertising**. A person buying advertising space in the journal will have their ad included on the website.

**ARTICLE XI**

**LOGO**

**Section 11.01. Logo.** The BAA logo isn’t just representative of the United States of America, but also serves as an invitation to the rest of the world to share our love of the hobby. It is a globe of the world behind a budgerigar, with ‘Budgerigar Association of America’ over the globe. The logo is trademarked. (1999, 2002)

**ARTICLE XIII**

**SHOWS**

**Section 13.01. Judge Selection.**  Any certified National or International Budgerigar Judge can judge a BAA Show and administer a BAA Judge Trainee test as long as the judge adheres to the rules of the hiring club. (1999)

**Section 13.02. Allowed Birds.** All birds exhibited in BAA must be closed banded by the exhibitor. Local clubs may establish a separate class for purchased birds, but birds in these classes do not qualify the exhibitor for any wins or advancement in BAA. (1999)

**Section 13.03. Judging Scheme.** The recommended judging scheme is for each division to select the top 10 birds, Best Opposite Sex, Best Young, and Best Young Opposite Sex; and then select for the show the top 10 birds, Best Opposite Sex, Best Young, and Best Young Opposite Sex and Challenge Certificates. It is recommended that there will be divisions for Champion, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Rare and Pairs exhibitors. (2001, 2008, 2010, 2019)

**Section 13.04. Challenge Certificates (CCs)**. Challenge Certificates shall be presented to the bird judged to be best of its variety in the show. (1999)

**Section 13.05. Points**. The number of points an individual receives will be based on the number of birds their entry has placed above, plus itself, in the normal and rare divisions. Rare entries will receive points based on the number of rare birds, plus itself, that it placed above. They will not receive additional rare points for placing in show. Any bird placing in the top 10 in show will receive points in its respective division based on the total number of birds in the show. In addition, for each division, points will be awarded for BIS(25), BOS(20), BY(15), and BYOS(10). Show points won at the Grand National will be doubled. (2003, 2004, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2019)

**Section 13.06. Local Control.** Local clubs may decide the time, date, judge, judging

 order, judging methods and awards. Local clubs are in control of whether or not to include a

Rare division or additional divisions, such as” At Risk”. For points to count for National Rare

 standings, the Rare Division must be judged in accordance with the BAA’s Rare division

 schedule of classes. (2015)

**Section 13.07. Classifier.** The decision to have a classifier at a show is up to the Affiliated Club. The final decision for the classification of a bird is with the presiding judge unless specified by the Show Manager. A classifier, who may be the show manager, should be appointed for each show. In a show, when a bird’s classification is in question, after consultation, the judge has the final decision. (1999, 2018)

**Section 13.08. Show Reports.** Show reports shall be submitted by the show secretary. Copies of the report should be forwarded to the *Journal* Editor, the Webmaster, and the Ranking Secretary within 30 days of the show. Show reports must be received before January 1 of the next year or the points won’t be counted in the tabulation of the awards. At dual affiliated shows, a B.A.A. show secretary is required to complete a B.A.A. show report. (2010, 2022)

**Section 13.09. Pairs Division.** A division of “Pairs” will be judged first. Once the pairs division is complete, the birds can be moved into two separate show cages and be shown in the regular divisions as individual entries. (2021)

**ARTICLE XIV**

**AWARDS**

 **Section 14.01. BAA Exhibitor of the Year.** The exhibitor accumulating the most points during the show season in their division at BAA shows shall be named BAA Exhibitor of the Year for that division. Points earned by exhibitors at shows specifically for current year banded birds only, will also count towards exhibitor of the year awards, as long as the show is judged by an accredited judge. Exhibitors ranking 2nd-10th place in each division shall also be recognized. The show season runs from January 1 through December 31. (2004, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2012)

**Section 14.02. CC Exhibitor of the Year.** The exhibitor accumulating the most CCs at BAA

 shows during the show season shall be named the CC Exhibitor of the Year. The show season

 runs from January 1 through December 31. Exhibitors with the most CCs in each individual

 section shall also be recognized. For CCs to count for CC Exhibitor of the Year awards, a

 minimum of two exhibitors must exhibit two birds, or the bird must place in the top 10 in show

 in the regular sections. In the Rare sections, a minimum of two exhibitors must exhibit two birds

 or the bird should place in the top 10 in the Rare Division. CCs earned by exhibitors at shows

 specifically, for current year banded birds only, will also count towards CC exhibitor of the year,

 as long as the show is judged by an accredited judge. In order for CCs to count towards CC

 Exhibitor of the year awards. The BAA approved schedule of classes must be followed. (1999,

 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015)

**ARTICLE XV**

**EXHIBITOR ADVANCEMENT**

**Section 15.01. Definition of Junior Exhibitor.** In order for a breeder to exhibit in the Junior division that exhibitor must be at least seven years of age. This age limitation is based on the widely accepted premise that the person should be an active participant in the care and breeding of the birds. Junior members who are under the age of seven and have been exhibiting birds prior to the 2009 show season are grandfathered as Junior. A Junior who wins either Best Junior Best Junior Opposite Sex, or Best Junior Young three times with three different birds shall advance to the Novice ranking the following year provided there are at least 2 exhibitors at each show when these wins are achieved. If they do not achieve the three wins while a Junior, they must move to the Novice Division the show season following their seventeenth birthday. (1999, 2000, 2009)

**Section 15.02. Advancing from Novice to Intermediate.** Novice breeders who win 4 wins: 2 Best Novice, 2 3rd Best Novice or better. (Each win must be at a show where there are at least three Novice breeders showing. If they have shown at the Novice level for at least three years and do not have the wins, they may select to move into the Intermediate ranks the following show season if they so desire. Once a Novice breeder receives their wins they shall advance to the Intermediate division the next show season). (1999, 2000, 2010 2018)

**Section 15.03. Advancing from Intermediate to Champion.**  Intermediate breeders must win six Challenge Certificates, in any color sections, with 6 different birds. There must be a minimum of five birds from three exhibitors in the section and there must be five Champion breeders exhibiting in the show, with a minimum of twenty-five champion birds entered for the wins to count. In addition, the Intermediate exhibitor must win one of the best in show awards (Best, Best Opposite Sex, Best Young, or Best Young Opposite Sex) and place one bird in the top six best in show. Any additional birds placing in the top 6 BIS can replace CC requirements. For these wins to count there must be a minimum of three champion exhibitors entered in the show and 25 champion birds shown. (1999, 2000, 2003, 2004 ,2018)

**Section 15.04. Recognition of ABS wins and Ranking.** All exhibitor wins at ABS shows shall be recognized under the BAA system and count towards advancement. Exhibitors must show in the same division in BAA and ABS. (2010)

**Section 15.05. Demotion.** There is no provision for an exhibitor to show at a lower level once they have advanced. (1999)

**Section 15.06 Self Advancement.** Anyone may self-advance at any time. (2014, 2018)

**ARTICLE XVI**

**GRAND NATIONAL SHOW**

**Section 16.01. BAA Annual Show.** The BAA Annual Show shall be called the Grand National. (1999)

**Section 16.02. Meetings.** Prior to the judging of the Grand National, a Judges Association meeting shall be held followed by the Board of Directors meeting. (2006)

**Section 16.03. Elite Auction.** Birds donated from top breeders shall be auctioned at the Grand National. After the hosting club covers its expenses for the Grand National, half of any remaining income from the Elite Auction will go to BAA. (1999, 2000, 2011, 2012)

**Section 16.04. Responsibility of Hosting Club.** The club asking to host the Grand National will submit the following prior to being accepted by the Board as the host: date of show, revenue expected, room costs, Schedule of classes used, and Divisions to be shown. The club hosting the Grand National will present a plan/budget to the Board of Directors at least 90 days prior to the show. (2011, 2014)

**Section 16.05. Responsibility of B.A.A.** B.A.A. will cover the cost of the meeting room for the Judges Panel meeting and Board of Directors meeting. B.A.A. will also cover the cost of the lunch provided by the host club between the two meetings. B.A.A. will give $500 to the host club to help cover some of the judge expenses. (2021)

**ARTICLE XVII**

**SHOW CAGES**

**Section 17.01. Show Cage.** The current standard show cage shall remain but with one modification. A variety of door attachments shall be acceptable as long as they are functional and keep the birds secure. (1999)

**ARTICLE XVIII**

**PRODUCTS DIVISION**

**Section 18.01. Products Division.** The BAA will not sponsor a products division. Instead, the BAA shall publish and link to advertisers on the BAA website. (2003)

**ARTICLE XIX**

**RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR ORGANIZATIONS**

**Section 19.01. Relationship**. The BAA shall pursue the development of positive relations with other national bird organizations. ABS show dates will be published in the Budgerigar Journal and on the BAA website. (1999, 2010)

**ARTICLE XX**

**POLICY REGARDING RULES**

**Section 20.01. Rules.** All attempts shall be made to keep the BAA rules as simple and few as necessary for efficient operation of the Organization, and to treat all members with respect and friendship at all times. (1999)

**Section 20.02 Meeting Protocol.** Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rule’s of Order. (1999)

**ARTICLE XXI**

**ADVERTISING**

**Section 21.01. Breeder or Supporter Listing.** BAA shall publish a Breeder or Supporter Listing in the *Journal*. It shall include Name, Address, Phone Number, and email address. The Individual may also add their Band ID if desired. The first year shall be $15.00 and after that it shall be $20.00 a year for this listing. (2003)

**Section 21.02. Breeder and Vendor Advertisements.** Breeders and vendors may submit advertisements for inclusion in the *Journal* for 6 issues.

**ARTICLE XXII**

**WORLD BUDGERIGAR ORGANIZATION (WBO)**

**Section 22.01. WBO Affiliation.** Maintaining our affiliation with the WBO, and having our judges certified as WBO judges is a good way for our organization to be recognized around the world. The Judge Administrator shall have the authority to appoint a BAA representative to its meeting at no cost to the BAA. (1999)

**Section 22.02. BAA Representation.** If someone wants to represent BAA they must wait until the current representative decides to step down. Once this happens the Board shall appoint a new representative. (2004)

**Section 22.03 Judging Foreign Shows.** A red, white, and blue colored ribbon with a medallion will be given to any BAA judge who judges a foreign show to present to the host club.

**ARTICLE XXIII**

**NATIONAL MENTORING PROGRAM**

**Section 23.01. Mentoring.** Mentors are very important in encouraging our novice and junior members. A list of potential mentors shall be collected and maintained and made available to novice and junior members. A mentorship program will be established for members not near an affiliated club. This would be purely voluntary. (2008, 2019)