



NWAPA 2026 Rules and Policy Proposal Process

On May 18th the general membership will vote on rules and policy that have been submitted for consideration.

Rules and policy proposals (if passed) should amend one of the NWAPA's operational or governing documents. (Constitution and Bylaws, Fall Member Handbook, Winter Member Handbook, Fall Show Sponsor Handbook, Winter Show Sponsor Handbook, Fall Judges Handbook)

Initiatives for the purchase of equipment, educational events (outside of NWAPA contest process and rules), setting membership fees, budget items, or other mandates of direct usage of general funds are NOT proposals. Such items are the purview of elected officers who meet regularly to create budgets, set fees, manage staff, and execute program on behalf of the general membership. NWAPA Board members will solicit feedback throughout their term from the membership on the above.

Initiatives for contest rules, process, governance and the like ARE proposals. When a proposal is passed, it is a mandate from the membership that must be executed by the NWAPA elected officers and staff. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be initiated by a petition of at least ten (10) signatures from the general membership. This petition may be established through email and presented to the NWAPA Board. The NWAPA Board may also initiate proposals and amendments to Constitution and Bylaws.

Proposals for Fall 2026 and Winter 2027 seasons are due Friday May 1st, 2026.

Because they are binding and have potential for altering NWAPA mission and operations, submitted proposals will be vetted by a committee chaired by the NWAPA President. A slate of complete and examined proposals will be presented to the membership for discussion. Voting will take place in person on May 31st at the Spring General Membership Meeting. Each director of a member unit (or their proxy) in good standing is eligible to cast a vote.



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Proposal overview:

Affected season: FALL / WINTER / ALL Rationale:

Financial impact or considerations:

NWAPA documents that will be amended:

Document language as it exists now:

Document language that will exist if the proposal passes:

Additional considerations:

Submitted by:

Submit completed proposals to president@nwapa.net