

AMHA Region 5 To Have One Director

Due to a fewer number of eligible voting members, Region 5 will be represented by only one director starting in 2011. AMHA bylaws require an annual review of regions regarding membership numbers and at the end of 2009, Region 5 had only enough members to warrant one director instead of two directors.

Notice of Annual Election

Each year AMHA distributes a ballot to elect a Director-At-Large and selected Regional Directors. Per AMHA's bylaws, notice of vacancies to be voted upon at the next Annual Meeting of Members must be given to members by April 1 each year. Accordingly, the following positions will be included on a mailed ballot you will be mailed in late December of 2010 or early January 2011:

One Director-At Large position, and Regional Director Positions for:

Region 3: Two Positions Open

Region 4: One Position Open

Region 5: One Position Open

Region 10: One Position Open

For a person's name to be placed on the official ballot, that person must go through a nomination process, which consists of:

For Regional Director:

- Residency within the region;
- Obtaining official nomination petitions from AMHA's headquarters and securing a minimum of 3% of the qualified voting members signatures of the region;
- Filing the nomination petitions, with appropriate number of qualified signatures, with AMHA office by October 1, 2010;
- Valid signatures on nomination petitions are AMHA members in good standing, over the age of 18 with a record address in the Region as of December 31 in the year prior to the deadline of the nomination petition;
- Each candidate must sign each nomination petition to show acceptance of nomination.

For Director-At-Large:

- Obtaining official nomination petitions from AMHA's headquarters and securing a minimum of 2% of the qualified voting members signatures;
- Filing the nomination petitions, with appropriate number of qualified signatures, with AMHA office by November 1, 2010;
- Valid signatures on nomination petitions are AMHA members in good standing, over the age of 18, as of December 31 in the year prior to the deadline of the nomination petition;
- Each candidate must sign each nomination petition to show acceptance of nomination.

The following is a breakdown of the states in each region with a vacancy and the minimum number of signature required on the nomination petition:

- **Region 3:** Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia; 30 valid signatures required in 2010

- **Region 4:** Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee; 15 valid signatures required in 2010
- **Region 5:** Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin; 22 valid signatures required in 2010
- **Region 10:** Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia; 12 valid signatures required in 2010
- **Director-at-Large:** 134 valid signatures required in 2010.

AMHA encourages all members to consider getting involved in the governance process of the association. If you think you might be interested, please obtain a set of nomination/election guidelines from AMHA. The election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting of Members in February 2011, which is currently scheduled to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, as part of the Annual AMHA Convention.