

BYLAWS

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. 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 2.03. Dues. Yearly dues are \$30.00 for single memberships, \$40.00 for dual memberships from the same household, \$30.00 per partner for partnerships (each member shall receive a magazine), \$40.00 for foreign memberships, and \$12.00 for junior membership (individuals up to 16 years of age). Yearly dues are from January 1 through December 31. (1999, 2007)

Section 2.04. 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 2.05. Free Memberships. Five free annual memberships per year are available to clubs requesting them for recruitment of new members. (2006)

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 and Judges 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. (1999)

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. Selection and Tenure. The Board shall consist of Service Directors who perform specific duties, and Elected Directors who perform non-specific duties. Additional directors may be added by majority vote of the Board of Directors. There is no defined term for director tenure. Directors shall serve until they feel that they can no longer serve in a productive manner. Vacancies occurring by reason of resignation, death, incapacity or removal shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors. Service Directors who resign their service but wish to remain on the Board of Directors are able to do so if voted in as an Elected Director. (1999, 2000, 2005)

Section 3.03. Chairperson. The Board of Directors shall elect by majority vote a Chairperson who shall serve for the term duration of three years. There is no limit to the number of terms a Chairman can serve. A retiring Chairperson may remain on the Board of Directors. 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. (1999, 2003, 2005, 2013)

Section 3.04. 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 3.05. 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 3.06. 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 3.07. Special Meetings. Special Meetings shall be at such dates, times and places as the Board shall determine. (1999)

Section 3.08. Quorum. 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. (1999)

Section 3.09. 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 3.10. Proxies. Directors who are unable to attend meetings have the option of giving their proxy to members attending the meeting. Notice of the proxy needs to be submitted to the chairman 30 days prior to the meeting. (2011)

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 service positions of the Organization shall be a Chairperson, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Affiliate Secretary, Advancement Secretary, Advertising Secretary, Band Secretary, Membership Secretary, Patronage Secretary, Ranking Secretary, the Judge Administrator and such other officers as the Board of Directors may designate. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of Chairperson and Treasurer. (1999, 2005, 2006, 2010)

Section 4.03. Appointment of Service Positions; Terms of Office. The service positions of the Organization shall be elected by the Board of Directors at regular meetings of the Board, or, in the case of vacancies, as soon thereafter as convenient. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Officers shall hold office until they feel that they are no longer able to serve on the Board of Directors 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. (2005, 2006)

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 chairman is three years (1999, 2013)

Section 4.05. Administrator. The Administrator will serve as the primary assistant to the Chairperson. The Administrator shall run meetings of the Board of Directors in the absence of the Chairperson. The Recording Secretary will provide the Administrator with a copy of the minutes following all Board meetings. A document containing compiled motions shall be maintained by the Administrator. The Administrator shall insure that the Bylaws of the Organization are updated when necessary. (1999, 2000, 2011).

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. 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)

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. (1999, 2003, 2009)

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. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors. A copy of the minutes shall be filed with the Chairperson of the Board, the Administrator, the *Journal* Editor, and the Webmaster. Names shall not appear with the motions in the minutes. (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. (1999)

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. Corporate Credit Card. A corporate credit card is authorized for the purposes of paying the band manufacturer and for any other costs that the *Journal* has in England. This eliminates the bank fees as the conversion of currency is done automatically. (2000)

Section 5.03. 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 BI, BYOS, 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. (2003, 2009, 2012)

Section 7.03. Insurance. Show and meeting insurance is provided as part of the affiliated club's patronage. Non-budgie clubs will be allowed to affiliate. (2003) (2011)

Section 7.04. Show Tags and Clips. Affiliates can order the show tags from BAA at the cost of \$10.00 per 200 tags. 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 7.05. Journal. Affiliated cage bird clubs receive one copy of the *Journal*, for the purpose of passing it to their members for viewing. (2000)

Section 7.06. Foreign Clubs. Foreign clubs shall be able to affiliate for \$150.00 a year and receive a bi-monthly *Journal*, 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.

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.

ARTICLE IX

JOURNAL

Section 9.01. Solicitation from Members. In support of the bi-monthly *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 9.02. Membership Renewal Form. A separate membership renewal form is added to the July & August *Journal* to inform members when their renewal is due. (2000)

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 responsibility 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. Purchased birds cannot be exhibited in standard BAA classes. 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, and Rare exhibitors. (2001, 2008, 2010)

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. Points shall be awarded to Junior, Novice, Intermediate, Champion, and Rare exhibitors. Points shall be awarded within a division only. Best awards receive the following points: Best in Division – 25 points, Best Opposite Sex in Division – 20 points, Best Young in Division – 15 points, and Best Young Opposite Sex in division – 10 points. In addition, 1st through 10th places shall receive points based on the number of birds in the division and descending by one through the 10 places. (2003, 2004, 2008, 2010)

Section 13.06. Local Control. Total control of a show, including the Grand National, shall belong to the local affiliate sponsoring the show. Clubs may choose the judging scheme and judging order that meets their needs and desires. (2006)

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. The judge can question the classification, but the final decision on action to be taken is up to the show manager (1999)

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. (2010)

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, there must be at least 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. (1999, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013)

Section 14.03 Advancement and Points from ABS Shows. Wins earned by BAA members at ABS shows will count for advancement.

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 Best Novice, Best Novice Opposite Sex, or Best Novice Young with three different birds at three different shows shall then advance the following year to Intermediate as long as one win is Best Novice. 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)

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. 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)

Section 15.04. Recognition of ABS wins and Ranking. All exhibitor wins at ABS shows shall be recognized under the BAA system. 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)

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 hosting the Grand National will present a plan/budget to the Board of Directors at least 90 days prior to the show. (2011)

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 representatives to its meeting at no cost to the BAA. (1999)

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

**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. (2008)

**ARTICLE XXIV
BIRD REGISTRATION PROGRAM**

Section 24.01. Bird and Aviary Registration.

The BAA Registration Division is formed for the purpose of setting up a system of registration of Aviaries, Partnerships, Strains, Budgerigars and Pedigrees. It will adopt and enforce rules and regulations governing the registration process by its members.

I. DEFINITIONS:

A. REGISTRAR - The person appointed by the BAA Chairman and confirmed or approved by the Board of Governors to keep all records of the BAA Registration Division.

B. AVIARY - An establishment, in which budgerigars are housed, managed and bred for the purpose of developing an exhibition strain.

C. STRAIN - A distinctive group of budgerigars which has been developed by carefully controlled selective breeding practices designed to produce a uniquely uniform family of birds closely resembling the Standard of Perfection adopted by BAA.

D. PARTNERSHIP - Two or more BAA members who have joined forces to breed and exhibit better budgerigars. When an aviary or strain is registered in the name of a partnership, such partnership shall be considered a member so long as each member maintains active membership in BAA. In the event a partnership is dissolved, the rights and ownership of the registration shall continue with the surviving or active owner provided due notice of such is reported to the Registrar in a timely manner. Such notice must be signed by all members of the partnership or their duly appointed representatives.

E. BUDGERIGAR - Any exhibition quality budgerigar that is permanently banded with a closed, coded and traceable band.

F. CHAMPION BUDGERIGAR - Any BAA registered budgerigar that has won first through tenth best in show, best opposite sex in show, best young in show or best young opposite sex in show at any BAA open or breeders show judged by a fully accredited Budgerigar Judge.

Additionally, any budgerigar that has earned three or more challenge certificates shall be eligible for registration as a champion. The prefix CH shall denote champion status on the pedigree form.

G. POINTS - Points shall be credited to best in show winners as follows: BIS -10 points, 2nd BIS - 9 points, 3rd BIS - 8 points, 4th BIS - 7 points, 5th BIS - 6 points, 6th BIS - 5 points, 7th BIS - 4 points, 8th BIS - 3 points, 9th BIS - 2 points, 10th BIS - 1 point. Best Opposite Sex in show shall earn 5 points. Best Young and Best Young Opposite Sex in show shall earn 3 points. Challenge Certificate winners shall earn 1 point per show.

H. GRAND CHAMPION BUDGERIGAR - Upon application, any BAA registered budgerigar that has earned a total of 30 points in BAA shows, as described above, shall be awarded the title of Grand Champion which will be denoted by the prefix GR CH on the pedigree form.

I. TRANSFER - The term shall mean the recording of the transfer of ownership of any aviary, strain, or budgerigar upon the files or records of the Registrar. Such transfer to be requested by the new owner upon presentation of properly completed certificates bearing the signature of previous owner or owners and accompanied by proper fees.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS:

A. The BAA Registrar and its committee shall be appointed by the BAA Chairman and confirmed or approved by the Board of Governors.

B. The control and administration of these rules and regulations shall be vested in the BAA Registrar and its committee.

C. The BAA Registrar shall have the authority to revise or amend these written definitions, rules and regulations at any time subject to the final approval of the BAA Board of Governors.

D. The BAA Registrar shall be available at a time during the Grand National meetings each year to hear any complaints or recommendations presented to it. Any required action will be taken by the BAA Board of Governors at that time.

E. The Registrar shall have full custody of all records pertaining to registration outlined herein; shall keep accurate records of all registrations and pedigrees filed for; shall receive all monies and fees for registration and keep accurate record thereof; deposit same in a bank to the credit of BAA Registration Division, making a quarterly report to the BAA Treasurer and make an annual report to the BAA Board of Governors at the Grand National meeting.

F. After the initial startup of the Registration Division, which shall be funded by BAA, the registrar may receive a stipend of 25% of gross receipts for the normal operating expenses of the division. These expenses are to include postage, and necessary supplies such as paper, envelopes and computer supplies as they are needed for the maintenance and operation of the Registration Division. An itemized accounting of these expenses will be made in the quarterly report to the BAA Treasurer.

G. The registration of any aviary, strain, Budgerigar, Pedigree or prefix may be canceled if it is deemed that any registration was obtained by false or incorrect information.

H. Any member, applicant, or registrant who has been refused registration may appeal to the BAA Board of Governors. Their decision shall be final.

I. It is the responsibility of each club that holds a BAA sponsored show to complete an official BAA Show Report and forward a copy of same to all officers listed on the BAA Show report and to the Registrar. Such reports should be sent as soon as possible, but not later than 30 days following the show date. The officiating Judge should check all show reports for accuracy. These show reports are necessary for validating any registration applications; without them, no registrations can be completed.

J. Rules and procedures not defined herein shall be at the discretion of the BAA Registrar.

III. REGISTRATION; AVIARIES, STRAINS AND TRANSFERS

A. Initial Registration: Any Aviary and or strain may be registered with the BAA Registration Division subject to the following rules and conditions:

1. Applicant must be an active member of BAA.
2. Application for each registration shall be filed with the Registrar on the Budgerigar Registration form accompanied by the required fee.
3. Applicant shall select a name or title for the aviary or strain to be registered and if such name is not already on record, it will be accepted. When accepted, it will be for the exclusive use of the registrant so long as active BAA membership is maintained or ownership is transferred to another BAA member.
4. All registered aviaries and strains will be maintained as active so long as the owners are paid up members of BAA. Registered status terminates when a member fails to renew membership in BAA. Should such delinquent members later decide to renew membership in BAA, the former aviary name may be chosen again provided that it has not been issued to

another member. The procedure will be the same as applying for a new registered aviary or strain.

B. Transfer of Registration:

1. Any registered aviary or strain which changes ownership, either by sale or otherwise, to another member may transfer the registered name or title upon application of the new owner. Such application for transfer (on the reverse of the Registration Certificate) must be accompanied by consent of the seller and payment of the prescribed fee and must be filed within 90 days of the sale or transfer has been made.

2. Upon the death of an owner of a registered aviary or strain, their executors, administrators or heirs may continue to use the registered name or title upon notification of such status or they may transfer the ownership as provided in paragraph 1. Above.

C. Rules and procedures not defined herein shall be at the discretion of the Registrar.

IV. REGISTRATION OF BUDGERIGARS: CHAMPIONS, GRAND CHAMPIONS AND TRANSFERS

A. The registration of budgerigars shall be limited to BAA members.

B. No budgerigar will be considered qualified or accepted for registration if such bird shows signs of wearing a forced or expanded leg band.

C. Registered Champion:

1. The budgerigar has been shown in a BAA Open or Breeders show, judged by a fully accredited Judge and won an award of 1st through 10th Best in Show, Best Opposite Sex In Show, Best Young or Best Young Opposite Sex In Show or has earned three Challenge Certificates. Evidence of any award must be supported by an official BAA Show Report to the registrar or posted on the BAA Web Site or Published in the BAA Journal and submitted to the Registrar on the BAA Budgerigar Registration form.

. Application for registration of any budgerigar must be made within twelve months of the date of show at which said budgerigar became qualified. (During the first year after adoption of the BAA Registration Division, applications may be made retroactively for the past three years provided the qualifying show reports are posted on the official BAA Web Site.)

2. Applicant will receive a Registered Champion Certificate upon qualifying and completing proper procedures.

3. Addition of subsequent qualifying wins will be made on the Champion

Certificate upon application by returning the certificate to the Registrar with required fees.

D. Registered Grand Champion:

1. A Grand Champion is any budgerigar which has won Best In Show three times at qualifying shows or has gained a total of 30 points as specified above. Credit is given for all points earned, even if the points exceed ten (10) in any one show.

2. The Breeder/Owner must complete the BAA Budgerigar Registration form and forward it to the Registrar along with the required fee. Upon qualifying, the Breeder/Owner will receive a Registered Grand Champion Certificate.

E. When any member sells or transfers ownership of any registered budgerigar to any person or member, the new owner may apply to the Registrar for an official recording of transfer. The seller must sign the reverse side of the certificate which becomes the property of the buyer.

F. Rules and procedures defined herein shall be at the discretion of the BAA Registrar.

V. FEES:

A. Registration of Aviaries or Strains - \$20.00

B. Transfer of Registration of Aviaries or Strains - \$10.00

C. Registration of Champion Budgerigars - \$3.00

D. Addition of subsequent qualifying wins toward Grand Champion Certificate submitted on the BAA Budgerigar Registration form (per Submission) - \$2.00

F. Initial registration for a Grand Champion Budgerigar that hasn't previously been registered as a Champion - \$5.00

G. Transfer record of ownership of individual budgerigar - \$1.00

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