

2016 ABA CONVENTION

**The ABA National Convention will convene on Monday,
August 22, 2016 at 6:00P.M. in Room 6AB at the
Walt Disney World Swan Hotel**

Registration will begin on Saturday August 20, 2016 at the ABA Registration Booth, where credentials must be presented no later than two hours prior to the start of the APW-ABA National Convention.

ARTICLE 7

ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND OFFICERS

Section 1.

(a) The members of the respective Locals or State ABA organizations shall use procedure that is consistent with ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER to elect delegates to the ABA Convention. The names of delegates should be received by the home office in New Hampshire prior to June 1st of the Convention year.

(b) Delegate's credentials must be presented at the ABA Registration Booth no later than two (2) hours prior to the scheduled start of the ABA National Convention.

Section 2.

(a) The membership of the National Convention shall be composed of the Board of Directors and registered delegates. An eligible MAL may petition their state organization to gain delegate status to the National ABA Convention.

(b) Each Local or State shall be entitled to representation at the National Convention on the following basis:

3 to 75 members	1 delegate
76 to 150 members	2 delegates
151 to 300 members	3 delegates
301 to 500 members	4 delegates
501 to 750 members	5 delegates
751 to 1000 members	6 delegates

and for each additional 250 members or major fraction thereof in any Local or State, one additional delegate is authorized, with a maximum of twenty delegates for any single Local or State.

Section 3. The President, Vice-President, National Director, and Regional Directors shall be elected for a term consistent with the schedule of the American Postal Workers Union National Convention. All nominations for office by members must be in writing and received in National Director's office after March 1, but no later than close of business on April 15 of the election year. There will be no nominations allowed after that date and he/she must be in good standing on the date the letter of intent is received. As the first order of business, the National Director will read all the names and offices of the candidates seeking elective office. The election of officers shall be the last order of business of the Convention prior to the Installation of Officers.

(a) A candidate for the office of President, Vice-President, National Director, must be a member in good standing in the Association and shall be elected by delegates present and voting.

(b) A candidate for the office of Regional Director shall be a member in good standing in the Association within the Area he or she seeks to represent and shall be elected by the delegates representing that Area.

Section 4: Regional Directors: Two (2) Regional Directors shall be elected from each of the five ABA Regions:

1. Northeast Region:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York.

2. Eastern Region:

Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland

3. Southern Region:

North Carolina, South Carolina Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands.

4. Central Region:

Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska

5. Western Region:

Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Hawaii, Pacific Islands

Section 5. Any candidate for National Office who receives a majority of votes cast at the Convention for said office shall be declared elected. No write in votes will be valid.

Section 6. When there are two or more candidates for National Office and the two candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast for such offices result in a tie on the first ballot another election shall be held immediately. These two candidates engaged in a tie shall be voted upon as candidates for such office in the second election, and the candidate with the majority of the votes shall be declared elected.

Section 7. All National ABA officers will be installed following the completion of the election by the President of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, or his/her designee.

Section 8. The members, officers, representatives or delegates of this Association will not be permitted to vote by proxy.

Section 9. Each delegate and each member of the Board of Directors shall receive one vote. Members of the Board shall be allowed to vote for the Director of their respective Region.

Section 10. The President of the Accident Benefit Association shall establish an election committee, no member of which shall be a candidate for election while serving on such committee. The election committee shall be responsible for conducting the election. Prior to the acceptance of the election committee report any candidate who feels aggrieved in connection with the election shall file an appeal with the election committee at the ABA Convention. Where the Committee finds merit in an appeal, it shall report its findings to the President who will report to the delegates. The delegates shall act on the findings of the Committee.

(For the purpose of this Article the term "election" shall include nominating procedures.)

ARTICLE 8 NATIONAL AND LOCAL MEETINGS

Section 1. The National Convention shall convene in the same month and years as the American Postal Workers Union Convention, at a time and place to be named by the Board of Directors, provided a National Convention is held at least once every four (4) years. Special sessions of the ABA National Convention may be convened upon call of the President, subject to the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors.

(a) At least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the biennial session of the National ABA Convention this association shall publish in the Official Publication of the ABA, a notice stating the time and place of the National Convention. This information shall be sent to every ABA Local and State Association, not later than April 10th of the Convention year.

(b) At least sixty (60) days prior to any special session of a National ABA Convention, the National Director will notify all ABA affiliated locals and State Organizations of the time, place, and purpose of the special session.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Local or State President or Secretary to furnish a certified list showing the names of the delegates and alternates. These certified credentials shall be furnished to the ABA Home Office no later than June 1 of the Convention year and it is to be used to entitle them to be seated as a delegate at the National ABA Convention.

(d) Resolutions must be submitted for the ABA Convention prior to June 1 of the convention year. The author of the resolution is required to send these resolutions to the office of the National Director in duplicate. This shall not prevent the submission of resolutions by delegates at convention as long as a copy is available for each delegate in attendance. Resolutions submitted after the report of the Constitution Committee will not be considered nor acted upon.

Section 2. The President shall meet between each non-convention year at the home office of the Organization, with the National Director. In addition, the Constitution Committee shall review the Constitution and make recommendations to the next convention to conform with such state and federal regulations as required by law.