

AFA Notification No.86 –August 2021

The AFA Committee wishes to specifically draw all members attention to the following important announcements associated with the 2021 AGM.

1. **Redraft of AFA Rules** – members will be asked to vote by postal ballot for the adoption of a total redraft of the AFA rules. Ballot forms will be available shortly on the AFA Web site AGM page and these are to be completed and returned to the AFA by 2nd October. An explanation document is available on the AGM page together with a full copy of the redrafted rules document. As explained the redraft does not include any changes to existing rules but rather is a comprehensive rewrite aimed at clarification, simplification and elimination of inconsistencies. Members have been invited to review the draft document and submit any questions for clarification to the Committee by end August. This will allow any member comments can be taken into account and where necessary included in the final document for ballot by members.
2. **Presidents Appreciation Award and Life Member Nominations.** The Committee has called for nominations for both Presidents Appreciation Awards and Life member Nominations for 2021. Information on the process to be followed is available on the AGM page on the AFA Web site. Nominations must be submitted to the AFA Secretary by no later than 3rd September 2021.
3. **Member Motions to 2021 AGM.** Members wishing to submit Motions to the 2021 AGM for ballot at the meeting should note that the close date for receipt of motions is 2nd October. There will one motion to be submitted by the Committee, dealing with a proposed Policy dealing with AFA donations to charities, Information regarding this motion will be available shortly on the AFA web site.
4. **Committee nominations for 2021/22.** Nominations for Committee positions will close on Friday 9th October. Nominations Forms will be available on the Web site shortly.
5. **Venues and meeting format.** Given the current covid uncertainty regarding public or private gatherings the Committee is currently planning on reviewing the Meeting format and venues closer to the meeting date. We are planning on identifying normal group site meeting venues in all Regions so that if this format is possible we can hold a normal style AGM. Whilst there has to be a reasonable limit on the number of group venues members interested in a venue in their local area should contact their Regional Representative. In the event that covid restrictions in any region prevent public gatherings the Committee will move to the format adopted in 2020 using potentially Go to Meetings electronic format to link sites and ZOOM Meetings if necessary to link individual home locations for those wishing to attend the AGM.

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