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## SPECIAL ELECTION ADDITION

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### **NSDA is Seeking Applicants for the Board**

NSDA deals with all aspects of canine SAR. However that does not mean that the criteria for running for Director is how well you handle a dog. Our Board is responsible for the budget and operating procedures for all aspects of a national corporation. We need applicants who have personal knowledge of finance, marketing, advertising, public relations, publishing, secretarial skills and most of all, overall business and management experience. We are looking for people whose background tells us they can organize, delegate responsibility and oversee progress. The candidate should have had a working knowledge of SAR dogs and canine SAR related issues.

This will be a “working board”. Each member will be expected to take on responsibilities for some portion of the operation in order to keep our expenses to a minimum. The established Board attitude is one of openness and reaching

out to our members for assistance in whatever projects are currently underway. Keep in mind that this is an alliance of and for the members.

Please be aware that our current Bylaws state that the term of office is for two years. We foresee that a ninth Director will be added to the Board and that the terms be increased to three years. This is necessary in order to be in compliance with the rest of our Bylaws, which state that one third of our Directors will be elected each year. Two year terms and eight people do not permit this.

In 2008 only, a fourth candidate will be elected for a term of two years, even if the Bylaws change the terms to three years. This is necessary to balance our re-election process. The winning fourth director will be determined by the highest ranking second place candidate from among all three regions.

If you would like to run for office, please send a statement up to 750 words, detailing your qualifications and what you see as the future of NSDA to Art Wolff, Nominations Chair , at [awolff1@leo.gov](mailto:awolff1@leo.gov)



## Election Process

The Nominations Chair may not be up for election. In order to cast a vote, a person must be a member of record as of April 15<sup>th</sup> of the year. In order to be seated on the Board, a candidate must be a member by April 15<sup>th</sup> of the year.

All candidates must be a member of NSDA before being placed on the ballot.

Any individual voting member may contact the Nominations Chair between April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> to request to be placed on the ballot.

The Nominations Chair will submit to the Board a slate of one or more voting members from each voting region no later than May 5<sup>th</sup> each year. Ballots and candidate information will be made available to the Board and the members before May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Votes will be cast between May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> each year in a manner to be determined by the Board. Votes will be tabulated within ten (10) days of the close of elections by the Nominations Chair and verified by the Secretary. All members in good standing shall have one vote for the position to be filled from their region.

As of June 15<sup>th</sup> each year, the candidate with the greatest number of votes from their region shall be declared elected from that region. In the event of a tie, the candidates will be submitted to the membership of that region in a run-off election to be held at the earliest practical date.

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Directors shall be seated beginning with the commencement of New Business at the Quarterly Membership Meeting following the election and serve through Old Business at the Second Quarterly Membership Meeting two years hence.

Following are the voting regions:

**Region 1:** Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Pacific area.

**Region 2:** Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, Canada.

**Region 3:** Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Europe.