

Bylaw Change Proposal

Section 6.3 – Qualifications for Director. In order to be eligible to serve as a Director of the Corporation, an individual member must satisfy all of the following requirements:

(a) The individual must have been an Adult member in good standing continuously for the five (5) years immediately preceding the election in which the individual will run for Director (the “Eligibility Period”). For purposes of these Bylaws, the term “in good standing” shall mean that the individual is current on all dues and has otherwise met conditions and requirements of membership in the Corporation; the individual has not been the subject of disciplinary action for a violation of the Articles, these Bylaws, or the rules and regulations of the Corporation during the Eligibility Period; and the individual is and remains a member in good standing for the duration of his or her tenure on the Board of Directors. Members of the same family are not eligible to sit on the Board of Directors at the same time.

(b) The individual must have attended at least two (2) of the annual meetings of the American Shetland Pony Club in the Eligibility Period.

(c) The individual must have been a resident of the Area in which he or she will run for at least ninety (90) days immediately preceding April 1st. For purposes of this section, residency shall be determined by the address registered on file at the National Office.

(d) To be eligible to serve as a Director occupying the “Shetland Seat,” the majority of animals registered by the Corporation, and owned by the individual for the 5 consecutive years immediately preceding the election, must be Shetlands. The number of animals and their ownership shall be verified by the registration on record at the home office of the Corporation by the Director of Operations. The term “majority” shall mean at least one more than one-half of the animals. For example: Of the total number of animals owned $1/2$ plus one must be Shetlands. If an individual owns (7) animals registered by the corporation, (4) must be registered Shetlands. $7/2 = 3.5$, .5 or greater is rounded up. In the event that an Area has no individual who is eligible to serve as a Director occupying the “Shetland Seat”, the Area may elect an individual who is eligible to serve under the qualifications of the “Open Seat.” In such event the individual shall serve for a term of one (1) year.

(e) To be eligible to serve as a Director occupying the “Open Seat,” the individual must have owned Shetland Ponies, Miniature Horses or American Show Ponies for the Eligibility Period.

(f) Members desiring to run for Director shall file a notice of their intent to run for Director with the Director of Operations of the Corporation by April 1st of the election year for purposes of determining eligibility. Members who are not in good standing, as defined in this Section, shall not be eligible to run for a position on the Board of Directors.

(g) Once the Director of Operations has confirmed a candidate’s eligibility to run, said Candidate shall submit a brief resume and a 2 x 3 bust photograph of the candidate to the Corporation’s home office to be used for inclusion in the notice of the election published in The Journal.