

## President's Message

Fair Members,

The cooler weather sure is a nice change. I hope fall sticks around for a while before we jump into winter!

Wow, what a great Fair! You all sure made John K. proud! Lots of great and new ideas were tested with many positive results. Please take a hot minute and jot down what you thought went well and what we may need to tweak next year. The Fair Week team looks forward to your input.

And as quickly as Fair ends, we jump straight into Halloween Happening and our new Christmas event. Please contact Marilyn, Nikki, or Debbie K., as they can use the additional help.

And....we have elections coming up! After a year of a national pandemic and elections being postponed, as many other organizations did, it feels good to be getting back to as close to normal as we can get.

Our Nominating Committee, (Tommy Boehm, Gina Degreenia, and Sharon Gertz) are working hard to insure that we have folks running for all needed positions. I do apologize for getting them started a bit late, but I have confidence in the Committee getting it done. Thanks much!

And speaking of nominations, we have a bit of a bylaw inconsistency that I

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need to address. A bylaw was recently passed that references an October General Membership Meeting, but October is not one of the months listed to have a General Membership Meeting. To address this inconsistency, I will be holding a "Special" General Membership meeting on October 19 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will simply be to distribute the list of nominees for the upcoming election, as stated in the bylaws. The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88986751294>  
and will start at 7:30 p.m. October 19.

And, if you would like to run for a position, please do! There are nomination forms, and you most certainly can nominate yourself.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for putting up with my year as Fair President. What a learning curve and what big shoes to fill! I even enjoyed it most of the time.

Stay safe.

**John Faber**  
**2021 Fair President**

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## MOTIONS

At the August 10, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors a motion was approved to waive the rental fee for the Southside Elementary School Picnic.

Attached to this newsletter are the results of the vote at the August 17, 2021 meeting of the Membership on proposed bylaw changes.



## MEMBERSHIP 2022

Next month the 2022 membership application form and the 2022 dues form, will be in the newsletter. Please note that the dues for 2022 will be \$20.00 per regular member and \$10.00 per associate member (non-voting member).

Thank you to our many Fair members who volunteered this year!

Mitzi Hardy  
Membership Committee Chair



## MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any member updates you may have to our Corresponding Secretary Joddi Akers. You may call Joddi at 410-923-6638, or email her at [joddia@msn.com](mailto:joddia@msn.com)

## FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Team and I want to thank everyone for all of their help in making this comeback Fair a success. We all missed John K. but felt his presence and knew he was looking over the Fair, and I am sure he was proud of us all.

We tried new things that worked REALLY WELL and we stumbled a bit at times but everyone came together and made it all work. Thank You!! This Fair would not survive without all of you.

We did cancel the Fair Week meeting at the end of September. There is never enough information to share so soon after the Fair, but we all have thoughts and ideas to share now while they are fresh in our minds.

So.....if you would take a few minutes and jot down those thoughts and ideas, send them to me as soon as you can, and the Team will meet and go over them. We will give a report at the next Board of Directors meeting.

AGAIN, WE THANK YOU ALL!!!!

Sharon Gertz  
2022 Fair Week Manager

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 26, 2022





## 4-H CORNER

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

The Anne Arundel County 4-H All Stars are happy to announce that six \$100 scholarship were awarded to Camp attendees this year. In the Teen Staff category the winners are: Ava Allen, Rosemary Baquie, and Charlie Williamson. In the First Year Campers category, the winners are Fiana Laque, Grace Williamson and Joseph Williamson.

The 4-H All Stars also awarded two \$500 scholarships to Marina Karides a member of the Anne Arundel County Dairy Leasing Club, and to Olivia Velthuis, a member of the Kinder Farm Park 4-H Club.

This year there was a new award given by the Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation, in memory of Fair president John Kozenski. The John C. Kozenski, Jr. Kindness Award is a perpetual award given to the 4-H member who always sees the glass half full rather than half empty.

This year the John C. Kozenski Jr. Kindness Award goes to James Kinohi of Davidsonville.

At our annual Membership meeting in November, we will be electing all officers and five members of the Board of Directors, for our Fair organization. The officer positions are for one year terms, and the Board positions are five year terms.

Right now we need the names of those people who you believe would be a positive addition to our Board of Directors, and help to move the Fair organization forward to bigger and better efforts.

Our bylaws provide the requirements for each position, and the Nominating Committee can answer any questions you might have. Those on the Nominating Committee are Sharon Gertz, Tommy Boehm, and Gina Degreenia.

You will be able to vote in person in November at the Membership meeting, or by absentee ballot, which will be available in October. You can request an absentee ballot from our Recording Secretary Gina Degreenia. Absentee ballots must be returned by November 1, 2021.





# 2021 HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

The goblins and ghouls have returned to the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds and boy are we glad to see them back.

This year's event will begin on October 9 & 10 as set-up days. We are looking for help getting the scenes planned and set up.

There are three weekends planned for the actual presentation to the public, October 15-17; 22-24, and October 29 & 30. The show will not run on Halloween, October 31. Please mark your calendar and volunteer to help as many days as you can. This is an extremely labor intensive show, and every hour you can volunteer is appreciated and helps to attain our goals.

Also, anyone who is really not into the costume bit, can work behind the scenes, so that the show always runs smoothly. And our ghosties and ghoulies get really hungry and thirsty out on the hillside, so if you can donate a pot of soup, or chili, or whatever, please do.



## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating their birthday this month:

Dan Overstreet - Oct 2  
Fay Baase - Oct 10  
Tara Dunn - Oct 10  
Don Gertz Jr. - Oct 12  
William Carico - Oct 16  
Jeanette Newland - Oct 20  
Nikki Lawson - Oct 23  
Chris Dean - Oct 25  
Robert Fleshman - Oct 25  
Lori Gray - Oct 31

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating their happy day in October:

Brooke & Nick Wilson - Oct 1  
Mary Henschel & Spouse - Oct 6  
Jonathan Brown & Spouse - Oct 6  
Joan & Jim Mauritzen - Oct 13  
Sharon & Don Gertz celebrating 51 years on October 17  
Lisa & Dan Overstreet - celebrating 19 years on Oct 19  
Lisa & Jimmy Frisco - Oct 29

And, as always we want to keep those who are dealing with chronic illnesses, in our thoughts and prayers.

# 2021 CALENDAR

- Oct 2 - Craft Show, Antique  
Tractor Pull, Jousting  
Tournament
- Oct 3 - Craft Show
- Oct 5 - Rental Committee
- Oct 6 - Junior Board
- Oct 9/10—HH Set Up
- Oct 12 - AACF Board of Directors  
Meeting
- Oct 18 - 4-H All Star Meeting
- Oct 19 - Special Membership Mtg  
7:30 p.m. via ZOOM
- Oct 20 - AACo 4-H Foundation Mtg
- Oct 27 - Fair Week Committee Mtg  
7 p.m.
- Oct 15-17 Halloween  
22-24, & Happenings  
29-30
- Oct 31 OctoberFest
- Nov 2 - Rental Committee
- Nov 3 - Junior Board
- Nov 9 - Board of Directors
- Nov 16 - General Membership  
Election of Officers and  
Directors
- Nov 24 - Fair Week Committee
- Nov 25 - HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING



## *Membership Meeting*

*Tuesday, November 16, 2021*

### AGENDA

- \*Fair Wrap-Up**
- \*Fall/Winter Events**
- \*Election of Officers &  
Directors**

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# 2021 HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

October 15—17; 22 - 24 & 29 - 30

Hours Friday & Saturday - 7 to 10 pm

Sunday - 7 to 9 pm

No Show on Halloween



## ADMISSION:

Adults: \$15

Children 6 and Under: Free



\$1.00 discount for groups of 10 or more

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### *Goals of the Anne Arundel County Fair*

*To serve as a showcase for ingenuity, talent and interest in the agricultural life.*

*To serve as a means of educating children and young people to the honorable profession of farming, including the handling of animals from birth to market, the growth, preparation and preservation of food and the creativity of home arts skills.*

**Suggested Change for Entire Document:**

All "He/She" should be changed to They,

**Rationale:**

We need to be using the plural pronoun because it does not reference the current director or officers but the future positions as well. It should be plural not singular. "He/She" is clunky.

**Submitted by Stacy Eckels**

Date: 4/19/2021

**ARTICLE I- SECTION 6- NOMINATIONS (Page 4)**

**Current Bylaw as Written:**

The nominations of Officers and Board of Directors shall be submitted August 1 through September 30 of each year. Nominations cannot consist of nominees that would exceed the total of five (5) fair members belonging to the same non-profit organization, or more than three (3) fair members belonging to a for-profit organization.

**Suggested Change**

The nominations of Officers and Board of Directors shall be submitted August 1 through September 30 of each year. Nominations cannot consist of nominees that would exceed more than three (3) fair members belonging to a for-profit organization.

**Rationale (reason for change)**

This bylaw is not enforceable, and we are currently in violation of this bylaw by all being members of AACo Fair, which is a non-profit organization.

**Submitted by Martin Hardy**

Date: 4/8/2021

**ARTICLE II, DIRECTORS, SECTION 2...HOW ELECTED: (Page 5)**

**Current Bylaw as Written:**

Directors will be elected by ballot on the night of the election. A majority of votes cast is required for election.

**Suggested Change:**

Directors shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Membership Meeting in the month of November each year. A plurality of votes cast is required for election.

**Rationale:**

In a race among three or more candidates, the *plurality* is the excess of the leading candidate over the next-highest-scoring candidate or that the winning candidate only needs to get more votes than a competing candidate.

**Submitted by Joan Mauritzen**

Date: 4/9/2021

**ARTICLE II- SECTION 9... VACANCIES (Page 7)**

**Current Bylaw as Written:**

Vacancies in the Board occurring between annual meetings shall be filled for the un-expiring portion of the term by a majority vote of the remaining Directors

or be held open until the next annual meeting as determined by the Board of Directors.

**Suggested Change:**

Vacancies on the Board of Directors occurring between corporate meetings shall be filled for the un-expiring portion of the term by a majority vote of the remaining Directors or be held open until the next corporate meeting as determined by the Board of Directors.

**Rationale:**

In Article I- Section 1 it refers to our November meeting as our cooperate meeting,

**Submitted by Stacy Eckels**

Date: 4/19/2021

**ARTICLE II- SECTION 9... SPECIAL EVENTS (Page 7)**

**Current Bylaw as Written:**

Anyone wishing to use the Fairgrounds for a Fair special event must submit a request in writing or via email to the Board no later than thirty (30) days before the event, for approval. (Amended 8/2018)

**Suggested Changes:**

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP- Section 8...SPECIAL EVENTS

Fair members wishing to use the Fairgrounds for a personal private event must submit a request in writing or email to the Board of Directors no later than thirty (30) days before the event, approval is subject to availability and membership status. Cost for fair members to host an approved private event is \$100.

**Rationale:**

This bylaw is located in Article II which refers to Board Members, "anyone" is very vague. Our event calendar is priority. Members should be paid regular members. Our members should be making at least \$100 donation to use the grounds.

**Submitted by Stacy Eckels**

Date: 4/19/2021

**ARTICLE III, OFFICERS, SECTION 2...ELECTION: (Page 8)**

**Current Bylaw as Written:**

All Officers of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Membership Meeting in November each year and shall hold office for a term of (1) year or until their successors are duly elected. No person shall hold more than one (1) elective office. (Amended 8/15/02)

**Suggested Change:**

All Officers of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Membership Meeting in the month of November each year and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected. A plurality of votes cast is required for election. No person shall hold more than one (1) elective office. (AMENDED 8/15/02)



**Rationale:**

In a race among three or more candidates, the *plurality* is the excess of the leading candidate over the next-highest-scoring candidate or that the winning candidate only needs to get more votes than a competing candidate.

**Submitted by Joan Mauritzen**

Date: 4/9/2021

**ARTICLE III- SECTION 3 .... DUTIES OF OFFICERS: PRESIDENT (Page 9)**

**Current Bylaw as Written:**

He/She shall have the power to declare a "State of Emergency" in the event of an unforeseen or natural disaster. (Amended 8/15/2001)

**Suggested Change**

They shall have the power to declare a "State of Emergency" in the event of an unforeseen or natural disaster and coordinate the emergency response plan as needed.

**Rationale:**

The Emergency Response Plan has assignments of responsibility of which the President is the coordinator. He/She to They, all pronouns should be adjusted in this document.

**Submitted by Stacy Eckels**

Date: 4/19/2021

**ARTICLE III- SECTION 3 .... DUTIES OF OFFICERS: TREASURER (Page 11)**

**Current Bylaw as Written:**

He/She shall render a statement of the condition of the finances of the Corporation at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and at such other times as shall be required of him/her, and a full financial report at the January meeting of the Membership

**Suggested Change**

He/She shall render a statement of the condition of the finances of the Corporation at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors and regular membership meetings, and at such other times as shall be required of him/her, and a full financial report at the January meeting of the Membership.

**Rationale (reason for change)**

With the separation between BOD meetings and Membership meetings, the Treasurer is no longer required to present finance reports to membership apart from during the January Membership meeting. This change in the bylaw wording would correct that.

**Submitted by Martin Hardy**

Date: 4/8/2021

**ARTICLE III- SECTION 3 ... DUTIES OF OFFICERS: TREASURER (Page 11)**

**Current Bylaw as written:**

He/She shall authorize and audit to certify the Treasurer's books, annually and before they are turned over to the Treasurer-Elect.

**Suggested Change**

He/She shall authorize an audit to certify the Treasurer's books, annually and before they are turned over to the Treasurer-Elect.

**Rationale (reason for change)**

Spelling error.

**Submitted by Martin Hardy**

Date: 4/8/2021

**ARTICLE V, SECTION 3a... FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: (PAGE 13)**

**Current Bylaw as Written:**

Application for Family Membership must be in writing on an application form furnished by the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. (or a copy thereof). The Membership Committee must approve the application before membership becomes effective. Family Memberships will be entitled to one vote per membership and one free admission to the fair. Optional: Two votes per family and two free admissions to the Fair. (This will increase the dues to \$20.00). (August 2007).

**Suggested Change**

Remove the Family Membership bylaw

**Rationale (reason for change)**

The membership committee feels that the family membership option is redundant and not being utilized.

**Submitted by Mitzi Hardy**

Date: 4/9/2021

**ARTICLE V, Section 4.... DUES: (Page 13)**

**Current Bylaw as written:**

Regular membership dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per year. Members failing to renew their membership by August 31st, each year, will be dropped from the membership roll, and must apply as new members to regain membership.

**Suggested Change**

Regular membership dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year. Associate membership dues shall be 10 dollars (\$10). Members failing to renew their membership by August 31st, each year, will be dropped from the membership roll, and must apply as new members to regain membership.

**Rationale (reason for change)**

The cost of membership has been the same for many years, but we have seen an increase in cost of doing business across the board. Generally, organizations periodically increase their dues. Associate membership comes with less benefits and will mainly be members under the age of 18.

**Submitted by Mitzi Hardy**

Date: 4/9/2021



## ARTICLE VI- SECTION 2.... LIQUIDATION

(Page14)

### Current Bylaw as written:

In the event of the liquidation or dissolution or the winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, the assets shall be expended in a manner which would promote or foster the cultural interest in Anne Arundel County.

### Suggested Change

In the event of the liquidation or dissolution or the winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, the assets shall be expended in a manner which would promote or foster the agricultural interest in Anne Arundel County.

### Rationale:

We are an agricultural fair promoting the agricultural interest in Anne Arundel County. Funds should be spent to continue supporting agriculture.

### Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 4/19/2021

## ARTICLE VIII- SECTION 1: NOMINATING (PAGE 15)

### Current Bylaw as written:

Consisting of three (3) members. This committee shall present at least one (1) candidate per office and at least five (5) candidates for Directors of the Corporation at the October Membership meeting.

### Suggested Change:

Nominating: Consisting of at least three (3) members. The committee shall receive recommendations for new board members and officers.

The committee shall contact each candidate and make an assessment for a high level of personal integrity, their level of commitment to the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds and the availability of the candidate.

At the October board of Directors meeting, the Nominating committee chairperson shall present the full list of nominations and a shortlist of at least one (1) candidate per office and at least five (5) candidates for Directors of the Corporation for formal approval by the Board.

At the October membership meeting, the Nominating committee shall present the full list of nominations as well as the final slate of candidates.

### Rationale (reason for change)

This change to the bylaw would provide more guidance on the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee.

### Submitted by Martin Hardy

Date: 4/8/2021

## ARTICLE VIII- SECTION 1- MEMBERSHIP: (Page 15)

### Current Bylaw as written:

he Membership Committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) members. This Committee will approve

applicants for membership and will also be responsible for membership enhancement and appreciation activities. (Amended 8/15/00). The Committee must update records in a timely manner. At the end of the month, a raised membership list must be provided to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution (if new members have been added). (Amended 8/2019).

### Suggested Change:

The Membership Committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) members. This Committee will approve applicants for membership and will also be responsible for membership enhancement and appreciation activities. (Amended 8/15/00). The Committee must update records in a timely manner. At the end of the month, a revised membership list must be provided to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution (if new members have been added). (Amended 8/2019).

### Rationale (reason for change)

Spelling and grammatical errors.

### Submitted by Martin Hardy

Date: 4/8/2021

## 2021 Policy Change Suggestions-

### POLICIES 5-

#### Current Policy as Written:

Every committee, none excluded, shall submit a budget to be approved by the Board of Directors.

#### Suggested Changes:

Every committee, none excluded, shall submit a budget by Oct 31<sup>st</sup> each year to be approved by the Board of Directors.

#### Rationale:

This formally provides the Board of Directors appropriate time to prepare the annual budget that is required to be presented at the December Board of Directors meeting.

#### Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 4/19/2021

### POLICIES 28a- Page 20

#### Policy as Currently Written:

Qualifications of Office b Qualifications of Office. (Added 12/11/2007)

If the Board cannot find a member that fits the above criteria then the Board can appoint a person by majority vote to fill an open vacant Board seat. (Amended 11/13/18)

#### Suggested Changes:

BYLAWS- ARTICLE III- SECTION 2...ELECTION (to be added below current bylaw):

If the Board cannot find a member that fits the criteria outlined in ARTICLE III-Section 4, then the Board can appoint a person by majority vote to fill an open vacant Officers position.



### Rationale (reason for change)

The policy should be integrated into the bylaws part of the Election process. This should not be able to be changed at any meeting and should be reviewed annually through the bylaw process.

It also allows for the Board to appoint a current member to an open Officer position if the need arises by majority vote. This will cause some numbering changes.

**Submitted by Stacy Eckels**

Date: 4/19/2021

### **POLICIES 28a- Page 20-21**

#### **Policy as Currently Written:**

President: He/She must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, INC. AND

- He/She must have severed a full term of office as a Director or have served a full term as another Officer, OR
- He/She must have held the position as Fair Week Manager within five (5) years of being nominated. (Amended 11/13/18)

Vice President:

- He/She must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, INC., and
- He/She must have served a full term of office as a Director or has served a full term as another Officer, OR
- He/She must have held the position of Fair Week Mangers for five (5) years of being nominated. (Amended 11/13/18).

Director-

- He/She must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. for two years, OR
- He/She is a current voting member and has been an Event or Department Chairperson for a full one-year term minimum. (Adopted 8/15/06).

#### **Suggested Changes:**

#### **BYLAWS- ARTICLE III- SECTION**

#### **4...QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS:**

President: They must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, INC. AND

- They must have severed a full term of office as a Director or have served a full term as another Officer, OR
- They must have held the position as Fair Week Manager within five (5) years of being nominated.

Vice President:

- They must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, INC., and
- They must have served a full term of office as a Director or has served a full term as another Officer, OR
- They must have held the position of Fair Week Mangers for five (5) years of being nominated.

Directors and Officers:

- They must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. for two years, OR
- They are a current voting member and has been an Event or Department Chairperson for a full one-year term minimum.

Sections 4, 5, and 6 should be shifted to Sections 5, 6, and 7.

### **Rationale (reason for change)**

The policy should be integrated into the bylaws as qualification for Officers. This should not be able to be changed at any meeting and should be reviewed annually through the bylaw process.

This will cause some numbering changes.

**Submitted by Stacy Eckels**

Date: 4/19/2021

### **POLICIES 28a. DIRECTOR: Page 21**

#### **Current Policy as written:**

Director:

- He/She must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. for two years, OR
- He/She is a current voting member and has been an Event or Department Chairperson for a full one-year term minimum. (Adopted 8/15/06).

#### **Suggested Change**

Director or Officer:

- He/She must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. for two years and is actively involved at the Fair. (As determined by the nominating committee), OR
- He/She is a current voting member, is actively involved at the fair and has been an Event or Department Chairperson for a full one-year term minimum.

### **Rationale (reason for change)**

Active involvement at the fair provides the nominee a good understanding of the requirements, expectations, and responsibilities of being a member of the board.

**Submitted by Mitzi Hardy**

Date: 4/9/2021

### **New Policy 31-**

#### **Suggested Addition-**

The Bylaw Committee Chair has the ability to make formatting and grammatical changes to the Bylaw and Policies Document as long as the structure and meaning of the Bylaw or Policy is not affected.

#### **Rationale:**

There needs to be more flexibility to fix spelling, grammar, and formatting than to run changes through the complete process to just add a "T" on the word The.

**Submitted by Stacy Eckels**

Date: 4/19/2021