

1 **Policy III. REGIONAL COMMUNICATION**

2 PHILOSOPHY- In order to develop lines of communication necessary to carry out the business of the region, keeping
3 all local clubs informed of the Regional activities, and to give voice to the local clubs and the many volunteers working on
4 Regional business, we propose the following procedures:

5 ***Section 3.01 Regional Meetings***

6 Regional Council will have a minimum of two regular meetings each year, one in the fall and one in the spring.
7 The fall meeting shall serve as the Regional Annual Meeting and will include a review of regional activities, a
8 financial report for the closing year, setting of membership and late fees, selection of regional fundraisers, club
9 fees, election of regional officers for the coming year, scheduling of activities for the coming year, acquiring
10 estimates of upper level candidates, acting on proposals to amend or update regional policies, and to discuss any
11 other areas of interest and concern.

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13 The second regularly scheduled meeting of the Regional Council, traditionally held at the regional Quiz
14 competition, will serve as a time to finalize plans for regional, activities such as rallies, clinics and camps, discuss
15 news or changes from the USPC Annual Meeting, current financial report, update estimates of upper level rating
16 candidates, and any other business to come before the Council. Additional meetings of the Regional Council
17 may be called by the RS, VRSs, USPC VP of Regional Administration, or by written petition of one-fourth the
18 DCs of the member clubs.

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20 Each member club's DC is required to attend and exercise their voting privileges at all Regional Council
21 meetings. Excused absence of the DC requires the approval of the RS. In addition to representing their club and
22 maintaining active communication with the region, this ensures a quorum of at least one-third of the member
23 clubs plus three of the regional officers at all Regional Council meetings. Joint DCs, parents and sponsors are
24 encouraged to attend Regional Council meetings, but are not allowed to vote unless they are acting on behalf of
25 the DC with prior approval of the RS.

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27 Meetings of the Regional Working Committee will be called by the RS when deemed necessary. This committee
28 should help with pre-planning for meetings of the Regional Council. Members of this Regional Working
29 Committee may request the RS to call a meeting for a particular purpose.

30 ***Section 3.02 Regional Publications***

31 **Regional Newsletter**

32 The region shall publish a newsletter to facilitate communication among member clubs. Every club is expected
33 to contribute news pertinent to Regional interests. The newsletter will include news from USPC, information on
34 regional activities, educational articles and news from member clubs. It is expected that each member club send
35 a copy of their own newsletter or submit information to be included in the regional newsletter to the News
36 Correspondent by the stated deadlines. The RS will edit before publication.

37 **Regional Roster**

38 To be published annually and distributed at the second regularly scheduled meeting of the Regional Council to
39 each member club. This roster will include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all regional officers
40 and Regional Council members.

41 **Resource Information**

42 This list should include names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons in the .region who are willing and
43 qualified to do ratings, work with local clubs, clinicians, r horse management judges and committee members
44 who may not be Regional Council members. It will be compiled by the RS, the RIC, the HMO and assignees. It
45 will be available to all clubs, and will be updated at least yearly.
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