

ARBA's District Organization

The organization of ARBA is divided into six districts for two purposes. First, it allows equal representation of our membership on our board of directors from all areas of the country. Each District Director should represent approximately the same number of voting (adult) members. Second, it divides a very large geographic area into smaller sections to facilitate participation in member activities such as district shows.

A number of years ago, during Bill Hesse's term as ARBA's president, a "district plan" was developed for organizing and governing our association with input and participation from all members. ARBA was not just a registry but also a union of people for both promoting the qualities of our breed and sponsoring activities where breeders could get to know each other and share their enthusiasms for the breed. He also recognized that as population and membership numbers changed, we would need to review the states included in each district.

Following is a list of the Districts with their listed states and memberships in each state.

| | Adult Members | Junior Members |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| District 1 | New England | |
| CT | 8 | 8 |
| MA | 6 | 1 |
| ME | 16 | 1 |
| NH | 2 | 0 |
| RI | 2 | 2 |
| VT | 9 | 6 |
| E Canada | 0 | 0 |
| | Totals | 18 |

| | Adult Members | Junior Members |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| District 2 | Mid-Atlantic | |
| DC | 0 | 0 |
| DE | 2 | 4 |
| MD | 8 | 4 |
| NJ | 19 | 4 |
| NY | 28 | 14 |
| PA | 11 | 4 |
| | Totals | 68 |

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| District 3 | North-Mid-States | |
| IL | 4 | 2 |
| IN | 8 | 1 |
| IA | 2 | 0 |
| MI | 15 | 5 |
| MN | 2 | 1 |
| ND | 3 | 0 |
| NE | 1 | 0 |
| OH | 10 | 6 |
| SD | 0 | 0 |
| WI | 12 | 0 |
| Central Canada | 0 | 0 |
| | Totals | 57 |

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| District 4 | Oregon | |
| OR | 37 | 14 |
| | Totals | 37 |

(Oregon is also the home of ARBA's 3 Life Members and 1 Honorary Member.)

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| District 5 | Pacific | |
| AK | 0 | 0 |
| AZ | 2 | 0 |
| CA | 11 | 1 |
| CO | 2 | 0 |

District 5 Continued

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| HI | 0 | 0 |
| ID | 3 | 0 |
| MT | 3 | 0 |
| NV | 0 | 0 |
| NM | 0 | 0 |
| UT | 0 | 0 |
| WA | 25 | 10 |
| WY | 0 | 0 |
| W. Canada | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 48 | 11 |

District 6 South-Mid-States

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| AL | 1 | 0 |
| AR | 9 | 0 |
| FL | 0 | 0 |
| GA | 2 | 0 |
| KS | 2 | 0 |
| KY | 0 | 0 |
| (KY has 2 Honorary Members.) | | |
| LA | 0 | 0 |
| MO | 1 | 0 |
| MS | 1 | 2 |
| NC | 3 | 2 |
| OK | 0 | 0 |
| SC | 1 | 0 |
| TN | 3 | 7 |
| TX | 1 | 2 |
| VA | 5 | 1 |
| WV | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 22 | 14 |

Because the voting membership numbers have become so uneven, it is time to adjust the arrangement of states within the districts. It is more important to bring the voting member numbers into

alignment than to try to even up the area included within a district. Therefore, the following changes have been suggested as a way to equalize our representation.

- 1) Move AZ and CA to District 4.
- 2) Move ND to District 5.
- 3) Move DE, MD and OH to District 6.

These changes will be considered in the meetings that will be held in September at the Mountain State Fair. If you have any suggestions about redistricting, please contact Jane Caulfield at 931-293-4466 or jcaulfield371@mac.com.