

Notice of Proposed Changes to CWS Policy about Juror for State Shows

The CWS Executive Board is considering making a change to our Policies to allow a Colorado resident to be a juror for our State Show. Right now, the existing Policy requires the juror not be a Colorado resident.

The existing Policy reads as follows:

Recommend to the Board prospective jurors for each exhibition. The Board shall review the names of recommended juror/s and, in conjunction with the committee, make a decision. A Board Member may not be a juror for any CWS show. If time constraints require immediate action to secure a juror, the President and two other Board members may make the final selection decision. Jurors for the State Exhibition shall not be residents of Colorado.

The proposed amendment, in italics, would read:

Recommend to the Board prospective jurors for each exhibition. The Board shall review the names of recommended juror/s and, in conjunction with the committee, make a decision. A Board Member may not be a juror for any CWS show. If time constraints require immediate action to secure a juror, the President and two other Board members may make the final selection decision. Jurors for the State Exhibition shall not be residents of Colorado, *unless the Board approves a specific juror who is nationally distinguished and is not a member of CWS.*

The Board believes the main reason for the existing policy is to ensure the State Show juror does not know those applying for admission to the Show. However, this Policy prevents us from obtaining some very qualified Colorado jurors, even if those jurors are not familiar with CWS members. The proposed language would allow the Executive Board to select a Colorado resident as a juror as long as the person is nationally distinguished and is not a member of CWS.

You have a right to express your opinion about this proposed change before the Board makes its decision. Please contact any member of the Executive Board* to provide your opinion.

The vote will probably occur in the October 13, 2020 Executive Board meeting

*(Executive Board members are listed on page 3 of the CWS Membership Directory)