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### MOTION:

This motion is for the Executive Council to consider the formation of a separate Invitational Grounds and Setup Committee that would be responsible for:

1. Assessing new grounds to be used for an Invitational;
2. Overseeing and liaising with the host Chapter with respect to preparations of the grounds to be used for Invitational events so that the grounds are adequately prepared prior to the relevant Invitational and consistent with the Aims and Rules and any requirements established by the Executive Council for the relevant Invitational; and
3. Coordinating setup of Invitational events so as to be ready prior to the Judges' meeting and handler walk through on the day before the opening day of an Invitational.

This committee to be staffed by a majority of previously qualified Invitational Judges as well as non-judges as selected by the Executive Council with input from the Judging and Testing Committee.

### LIST OF THE REASONS OR RATIONALE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE MOTION:

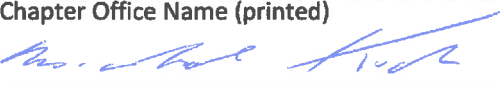
To have a clearly defined group of Judges and non-judges that has the responsibility for grounds preparation and event setup so that the grounds and events are prepared and setup consistent with the event descriptions that have been previously communicated to the Invitational handlers.

To lessen the chance of surprise elements being introduced into the Invitational test and to present a fair testing opportunity to the dogs and handlers given that training is not allowed on Invitational grounds after May 1st.

To give the host committee clear and consistent guidance and to improve an open line of communication with the host committee and the international organization.

I certify that this motion was adopted by the Bushkill Chapter, in accordance with its bylaws and/or operating procedure.

Michael Kuch  
Chapter Office Name (printed)

  
Chapter Officer Signature

President  
Title

10/28/2022  
Date Submitted

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**MOTION:**

This motion is for the Judging and Testing committee under the Direction of the Executive Council to:

Develop a defined and published process for reporting and investigating reports of incidents concerning judges, including appropriate disciplinary actions, and an appeals process.

**LIST OF THE REASONS OR RATIONALE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE MOTION:**

-Provide a clear process for reporting judges that will allow judges and members a defined path for holding our judges to the appropriate standard.

-Provides judges with a clear understanding of what will happen when they are reported, and both their right to appeal and the process to do so.

-This will help with consistent and equal application of the "law", and application of disciplinary action.

I certify that this motion was adopted by the BUSHKILL Chapter, in accordance with its bylaws and/or operating procedure.

MICHAEL KUCH  
Chapter Office Name (printed)

Michael Kuch  
Chapter Officer Signature

PRESIDENT  
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**MOTION:**

Bushkill NAVHDA appreciates the work of the Judging and Testing Committee and Executive Council in the efforts to establish realistic and consistent criteria for judges to become and maintain their judgeship. We respectfully suggest the Judging and Testing Committee and Executive Committee require all Invitational Judges to have run in and pass the Invitational in its current format at least once in their lifetime and that they run in the Invitational at least once every twelve years; subsequent passing would not be required. The implementation of this standard should be fully effective in five years after its passage to allow for judges who are out of compliance enough time to come into compliance.

**LIST OF THE REASONS OR RATIONALE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE MOTION:**

Over the years the criteria to maintain judging status has been strengthened to ensure all judges stay active as a handler to keep their instincts sharp; which likely attributes to an often stated comment that NAVHDA has some of the best judges in the versatile dog arena. Currently, "all Judges are required to handle and pass a dog they have trained in a sanctioned NAVHDA Natural Ability, Utility Preparatory, Utility or Invitational Test within a four-year period beginning in the year of your appointment as a NAVHDA Judge. Additionally, every NAVHDA Judge must handle and pass a dog he or she has trained in a sanctioned NAVHDA Utility Preparatory, Utility or Invitational Test within an eight-year period beginning in the year of your original appointment as a NAVHDA Judge," which is taken directly from the NAVHDA website.

Firstly, NAVHDA judges are required to pass a dog in Natural Ability and Utility before they can become a judge. It would be in keeping with that standard, that passing the Invitational would be required to be considered to judge the event as the venues are substantially different than other NAVHDA tests.

Second, unlike other NAVHDA tests, the Invitational test is held only once a year and henceforth, it's more difficult for judges to keep this test front of mind. Furthermore, some judges only judge the Invitational every other year, making it even more difficult to stay on the top of their game. Handling a dog every twelve years keeps those instincts sharp, reminds judges of how critical setup and changing conditions are to hold a quality test and helps them anticipate issues, just as when they run NA or UT. Adding this provision to Invitational judges would be consistent with the current requirement to run at least NA every four years and UPT, UT or the INV every eight years.

I certify that this motion was adopted by the Bushkill Chapter, in accordance with its bylaws and/or operating procedure.

MICHAEL KUCH  
Chapter Office Name (printed)

[Signature]  
Chapter Officer Signature

PRESIDENT  
Title

10/20/2022  
Date Submitted

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**MOTION:**

This motion is for the NAVHDA Executive Council to:

- Publish on the navhda.org website their meeting agenda a minimum of 5 days prior to each meeting.
- Publish on the navhda.org website the meeting minutes including committee reports and roll call votes within 30 days after each meeting.

**LIST OF THE REASONS OR RATIONALE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE MOTION:**

Provide additional transparency within the organization.

Publishing meeting agendas provides transparency and allows the membership to see what the board is working on, additionally providing the membership with the opportunity to provide input.

Publishing meeting minutes provides transparency on how elected and appointed members of the EC are conducting business.

Seeing how our elected members, and those directors appointed by our elected members, provides valuable information to the membership in regards to future elections.

**Bushkill**

I certify that this motion was adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, in accordance with its bylaws and/or operating procedure.

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 Chapter Office Name (printed)

[Signature]  
 Chapter Officer Signature

PRESIDENT  
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