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## AMA Board Improves Procedures

Over the last several years, the AMA Board of Directors has made numerous improvements to the way it does business. These improvements include the implementation of term limits, improvements to board election procedures and a change in the make-up of the board to provide more individual member seats than business member seats.

The effect of those changes has been more apparent in the last couple of years as the first group of term-limited board members reaches the limits of their terms. The most recent member to leave the board due to term limits is Northwest Region individual member representative Perry King.

A well-known actor of stage, screen and television for more than 40 years, Perry is an avid motorcyclist and has served the board tirelessly since 2008. He was originally appointed to fill a vacancy on the board and has been instrumental in bringing about positive change within the AMA. In addition to his AMA Board service, Perry has served with distinction as emcee for the annual AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony since 2009 and has done so free of charge. We hope that Perry will be willing to continue in this role for years to come.

The voting to replace Perry recently concluded with the election of Ted Cabral, who will join the board at its next scheduled meeting in April. Ted, a 38-year member from Penngrove, Calif., began attending AMA-sanctioned flat track races with his father in the early 1970s. He was the general manager of Cycle West Honda/Suzuki in Petaluma, Calif., for more than 20 years. In the



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1980s, he held a professional AMA motocross license and later worked as a technician on professional motocross and road racing teams. More recently, in 2013, Ted was appointed to the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission and currently serves as chairman. He also is a member of the California State Parks

Transformation Advisory Committee.

One of the unforeseen byproducts of term limits is what to do if qualified candidates do not come forward to contest a vacancy on the AMA Board. This situation occurred in both the Southwest and South Central regions in the previous two election cycles. One of the seats was filled by a special election that yielded only one candidate and the other was filled by appointment by the board.

In addition to Perry King, North Central region individual member Jim Viverito was also set to "term out" in February of this year. While there were two candidates who came forward to run for the Northwest board seat, there were no candidates from the North Central region.

In its last two meetings, the AMA Board of Directors decided to address this lack of interest and has amended the AMA Code of Regulations with respect to term limits. The code previously allowed for individual directors to serve only two consecutive three-year terms. The new language allows a director who has already served two consecutive terms to run for a third term if approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire board.

Under the provisions of the new regulation, Jim sought and received the

AMA Board's approval to run for a third term. The board has authorized a special election for the North Central region's individual member director position. Candidates interested in running for the board seat should contact the AMA at [elections@ama-cycle.org](mailto:elections@ama-cycle.org) or (614) 856-1900 to request an application. Applications will be accepted through March 31.

Additionally, the AMA Board has abolished the requirement that a candidate for the board obtain the signatures of at least 50 current AMA members from the candidate's region. The board felt that the signature requirement was a barrier to those otherwise interested in running for office and that the current candidate evaluation process conducted by the board's Nominating Committee negated the need for the signature process.

The ability for a candidate to overcome not being selected by the Nominating Committee to run for the board, however, remains intact. Candidates for the board not selected by the Nominating Committee may still be placed on the ballot if they obtain at least 250 signatures of current AMA members.

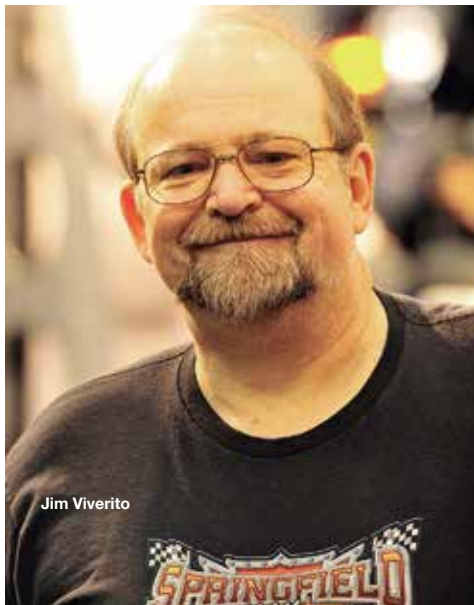
There is no compensation for serving on the AMA Board of Directors, but it can certainly be very rewarding if you are willing to dedicate your time to the organization and our mission to promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling. Yes, at times it can also be a thankless task, but a strong AMA Board made up of representatives of the membership is essential for good governance.

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Perry King



Jim Viverito



Ted Cabral

