

VADA STANDING RULE PROPOSAL:

STIPENDS FOR ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL USDF CONVENTION

1. STIPEND: VADA will provide \$500 stipends to the following participants at the USDF convention:
 - a. The VADA President*
 - b. Two GM voting representatives (or the number of voting representatives if greater or less than 2)
 - c. Two “wild card” representatives

*[*Rationale: the VADA President should always attend the Region 1 meetings on behalf of VADA/the GMO. Because there is a Region 1 meeting at annual convention, the President is expected to represent VADA and so should receive the same reimbursement of expenses as other representatives of VADA.]*

2. SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS: Stipend recipients will be selected in the following order:
 - a. Members of the Executive Board of the VADA Board of Directors (BOD)
 - b. Members of the VADA BOD
 - c. Members of a Chapter BOD. Preference will be given to Chapters who are not already represented by other attendees.
 - d. VADA general members who have volunteered at VADA events.

3. ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS: VADA representatives receiving a stipend are expected to:
 - a. Attend the Region 1 meeting
 - b. Attend the Board of Governors’ meeting (even if not attending in a voting capacity)
 - c. Attend GMO-oriented meetings and training sessions

4. REPAYMENT OF STIPEND:
 - a. A recipient of a stipend who cancels attendance at the convention for any reason or who does not attend the required sessions must repay the stipend in full to VADA.
 - b. If extenuating circumstances prevent a representative from attending the convention, that representative must repay VADA the amount of the stipend, less the cost paid for convention registration.