

STATE and PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

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The State/Provincial Representatives were set up to be the “Welcoming Committee” at the state and local levels of the American Poultry Association. They are not actually recognized in the Constitution and By-Laws but are listed in each year’s yearbook. The District Directors choose these individuals to represent each state and province.

These Representatives are a very important part of the A.P.A. Some think it is simply a title, but is actually an integral part of the A.P.A. Many Representatives attend as many shows as possible with their state or province, bringing along with them American Poultry Association literature and membership applications. They will visit with new exhibitors, explaining to them the purpose of the APA.

Representatives are extensions of the directors. When exhibitors an/or members have a problem, suggestion, or just want to visit about the A.P.A., the Representatives should always be receptive.

State/Provincial Meets of the A.P.A. are placed by Representatives with consideration to attendance, quality, etc., and are usually on a rotating basis. They should also offer input to their Directors with regard to District Meets within their province or state.

Many directors pick the representatives very carefully, as should be. They are the first step in building a long and lasting relationship with a new exhibitor.