AHP Board Service Nomination Form

Please complete and return to the Nominations Chair at patricktrow@yahoo.com.

Do you know an AHP member interested in serving the AHP community as a Board leader?

Nominate them for Board service! Using the form below, follow the two-step process completed by the nominator (Step 1) and the nominee (Step 2). No self-nominations are accepted.

STEP 1 *(completed by the nominator)*:
Nominator writes a nomination for the Nominating Committee's consideration using the guidelines below.

Please explain why the nominee should be considered for Board service, including examples of how they:

- ☐ Believe in AHP's mission and vision and desire to assist in the association's growth.
- ☐ Have a minimum experience of five years in the equine industry.
- ☐ Are currently involved in (and passionate about) the equine industry.
- ☐ Participate (have participated) on an AHP committee service or program attendance.
- ☐ Display leadership skills.
- ☐ Have a willingness to share expertise on association management matters.
- ☐ Have desire to serve on or chair a committee or project.
- ☐ Commit to attend the in-person Board meeting at the annual conference and virtual meetings throughout the year as needed.

Using the guidelines above, please provide information about the nominee:

I *(insert nominator's name)* _____ **nominate**

(insert nominee's name) _____ **for Board service consideration.**

STEP 2 *(completed by the nominee)*:
Nominee must confirm by signing below that they:

1. are an AHP member in good standing;
2. agree to be nominated for Board service;
3. will attend the AHP conference;
4. have reviewed the AHP Mission Statement (below); and
5. have reviewed the AHP Bylaws Article IV: Board of Directors (Revision 2024 – below).

AHP Mission: American Horse Publications (AHP) promotes excellence in equine media and encourages relationships and communication within the horse industry through education and networking.

AHP Bylaws Article IV - Board of Directors (Revised May 2024)
Founded 1970 | Incorporated under the laws of the State of Kentucky

A. Governance of AHP shall vest in a Board of Directors comprised of duly elected members, an Advisory Director, and a Presidential Advisor. The Board of Directors shall consist of 10-12 AHP members, all of whom shall be members in good standing from the time of nomination through the conclusion of his/her term of service. Student members are ineligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

B. The Board of Directors may establish policies and procedures of AHP that promote the interests of the organization and its members, provided that those policies shall not be in conflict with the Bylaws. These policies and procedures shall be published in a timely manner on the AHP website. The Board of Directors will work with the Executive Committee in setting policy on AHP matters arising between meetings.

C. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to assist the President with governing the Organization, serve in a leadership role in sustaining the growth of membership and services, and attend two board meetings per year during their term. The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to conduct meetings in-person or remotely.

D. The makeup of the Board of Directors shall, as much as practical, reflect the makeup of the general membership with respect to content providers and content users and may include one or more Business members but no more than would cause the makeup of the Board of Directors to consist of a majority of Business members.

E. No more than two representatives from a publishing company, business, organization or association may serve as a Director except when a current director changes status or position within their elected term or when appointed to fill a vacancy.

F. For purposes of allocating seats on the Board of Directors, a Director shall retain the status he or she had at the time of election throughout his/her tenure on the Board.

G. A lapse in membership shall constitute disqualification from service on the Board of Directors. A change in membership classification (status) shall not disqualify a Director.

H. In case of any vacancy on the Board of Directors other than President by death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall as soon as practical appoint a qualified Interim Director to serve until the next general election at an annual meeting of members. Vacancy of the President will be filled by an Interim Executive Committee member selected and approved by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Committee members.

I. Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office for cause by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.

J. Directors currently not serving a term shall be elected for a period of one-year, two-years, or three-years. Serving a one-year or two-year term does not count as a Director's first three-year term. After serving their first three-year term, Directors may be re-elected for an additional three-year term. After serving for three (3) years on the board, a Director is eligible to serve on the Executive Committee. After six (6) years of consecutive service, if the Director is not serving on the Executive Committee, the Director must step down for one year before he/she is eligible for nomination to the Board of Directors.

K. The duly elected Board of Directors shall immediately conduct a brief meeting during the annual conference to select the Directors who will serve as Officers and Executive Committee members.

L. Once selected to the Executive Committee by the Board of Directors, a Director is eligible to be selected by the Board of Directors for a subsequent two-year term on the Executive Committee. In the event, the Director is not selected or elects not to serve on the Executive Committee, he/she shall complete his/her term as a Director.

I *(insert nominator's name)* _____ **confirm that the above is accurate.**

Nominee's signature: _____

Thank you for being part of AHP's growth.

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