

**2013 APHA Workshop Report**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**  
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Executive Director Billy Smith challenged members and association leaders to think broadly about ways for the association to attract more enthusiasts to the Paint Horse breed. “We need to think hard about how to make our tent as big as we can make it and as welcoming as we can make it,” Smith said. “To the uninitiated, APHA is a breath of fresh air, but in many cases, it’s a well-kept secret, so we’ve got to get the message out. “The horse world is different today—there is a new normal, and we will not go back to where we were. But with the right approach, I think we can end up at a better destination, one in which we open up a whole new way for horse enthusiasts to appreciate what we have with the American Paint Horse.” In his Executive Director’s Report, Smith outlined remaining challenges affecting the association. APHA’s three-tiered strategy going forward focuses on increasing revenue, productivity and loyalty.

Committees were asked to discuss several issues in addition to their regular agenda items, including the inclusion of green classes at the APHA World Show, Breeders’ Trust, the development of a participation licensing program, and World Show qualification for Youth exhibitors. Task forces were developed to further discuss the Breeders’ Trust program and participation licensing.

Smith announced the development of two additional task forces.

*The Judging Rules and Improvement Task Force*—a six-person panel comprised of APHA Director of Judges David Dellin, APHA Executive Committee member George Ready, Dave Denniston, Sandy Morgan, Don Manuello and Mark Kuhlwein—will evaluate current rules related to horse show judging and specific event standards and penalties. Twenty rule change proposals on the Workshop docket were referred to the task force—following a presentation of their decisions to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee in the fall, their recommendations will go into effect January 1, 2014.

*A three-person task force*—comprised of Executive Committee members Mary Parrott and Craig Wood, and Mike Short—was appointed to propose a new governance structure for APHA. Their specific charge is to clarify roles and responsibilities and generate greater member involvement in the director selection process. Their recommendations will be presented at the 2014 APHA Convention and, if passed there, will go into effect January 1, 2015.

More than 70 rule change proposals were discussed during Workshop: 21 were defeated in committee, 21 were referred to the judge’s task force, and 30 were passed to the 2014 APHA Convention, where they will be voted on by the APHA Board of Directors. *Four emergency rule changes were brought in front of the board on June 1. These included:*

- Overturning the Executive Committee’s decision to require a \$100 fee every other year for all nominated Breeders’ Trust horses age 6 and older, in order for the horse to remain eligible for Breeders’ Trust payouts during that period. This was approved by the Board of Directors, effective immediately.
- Approving the inclusion of four green classes—Western pleasure, hunter under saddle, trail and Western riding—at the APHA World Championship show, beginning with the 2013 World Show with qualification waived for the inaugural event. This was approved by the Board of Directors, effective immediately.
- Revising two rule change proposals that would permit the use of leased horses in Amateur and Youth events. The original rule change proposals were written only for Zones 12, 13 and 14 (international zones); both the Amateur and Youth committees requested making these proposals applicable to all zones. Their requests were approved by the Board of Directors and will be voted on at the 2014 Convention.
- Proposing the suspension of qualification requirements for Youth exhibitors in the 2013 and 2014 AjPHA Youth world Championship Show—the Executive Committee declined the motion.

**Executive Committee Candidate;** Mike Short of Edmond, Oklahoma, was named by the Officer and Executive Committee Nominating Committee as their recommendation to join the association’s top leaders in February 2014. With more than 25 years of experience in APHA as a judge, trainer, breeder and promoter, Mike will bring a valuable mix of leadership, horse sense and business savvy to the Executive Committee. His appointment will be voted on by the Board of Directors during the 2014 APHA Convention.

**Long Range Planning report:**

Don Beard is chairman of this committee; the committee discussed a variety of topics that resulted in four motions:

1. To create an appendix registry open to foundation Paint Horses, ie. Quarter horses and Thoroughbred, limited to geldings and spayed mares. The appendix horses would have the same rights and privileges as Solid Paint-Bred.
2. To create a complete animal welfare statement in concert with AHC policies that includes an action plan to reduce and/or eliminate undesirable genetic conditions, ie. HYPP and Herda, in time to include in the 2014 rulebook.
3. Committee member Mary Anne Black will represent the Long Range Planning Committee's position on the task force to develop a repatriation plan to be presented at the 2014 convention.
4. APHA should immediately remove the qualification requirement for the future Youth World shows, starting in 2014 show. This motion does not affect the Open and Amateur World Show. Qualification will continue for that show.

Members also identified short and long term goals for the committee.

**Ombudsman Committee Report:**

Michael Short is the Chairman of this committee; there are 6 members on this committee. The committee was previously provided with 2 documents that have been developed to outline the purpose of this committee with the policy and procedures to be used in the committee activity. This committee has recognized that we must be discreet, confidential and neutral. Discussion was held regarding when and how the committee would get involved in potential issues that might arise. The committee decided that frequent communication would be the key to the success of the committee that we would "meet" by conference call once a month. Other methods will be explored, including a secure drop box.

First meeting of the Ombudsman was held by conference call on June 12, 2013.

In closing; I want to take this time to thank all the APHA members in Idaho, officers, directors of all the APHA charter clubs in Idaho for your support. Also, to the paint horse friends, family and directors in the entire northwest, you rejuvenate me with every word and encouragement given; there is no better place, then the Northwest. My paint horse family of Idaho national directors you are the best, I could not ask for a better group of individuals to work with and stand beside.

All the directors in the northwest have worked long and hard on the new rule change proposals; take time to look at them, let a director know what you think and how you would like them to vote.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you as your Idaho director for the past few years and will enjoy representing you in 2013-2014. If you have any questions or ideas, please let me know, I am here to represent you with the APHA.

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