

APHA hosted its annual convention, AKA, Leadership Gathering on February 27 – March 1, 2026, at the Hotel Drover, in Fort Worth, Texas. Only committees which had rule change proposals for consideration met during convention.

In 2025, I was a member of the following committees.

1. Western National Show Committee: Chairperson

- a. This group was tasked with outlining engagement for exhibitors, securing sponsorships, setting up hospitality, show organization, show information sharing, and all things related to supporting and promoting the Western National Show.

2. Regional Engagement Advisory Committee: Member

- a. We worked in collaboration with the Judges Committee and Professional Horseman Committee to create a Regional Clubs Toolkit for Success. <https://apha.com/membership/regional-clubs/club-resources/>
- b. <https://files.apha.com/s/i/M94g7ZjaLgXjWuT3>
 - i. Club Management & Organization
 - ii. Board Leadership & Succession Planning
 - iii. Hosting Shows & Events
 - iv. APHA Programs
 - v. Online Resources
 - vi. Paint Horse Central
 - vii. Horse IQ
 - viii. APHA Advisory Committee

3. State Director Nominating Committee: Member

- a. We worked to review all the submissions for State Director nominations and in collaboration of APHA staff to get the voting ballot out to APHA members for this year's State Director elections.

February 27, 2026: General Membership Meeting

Youth Report:

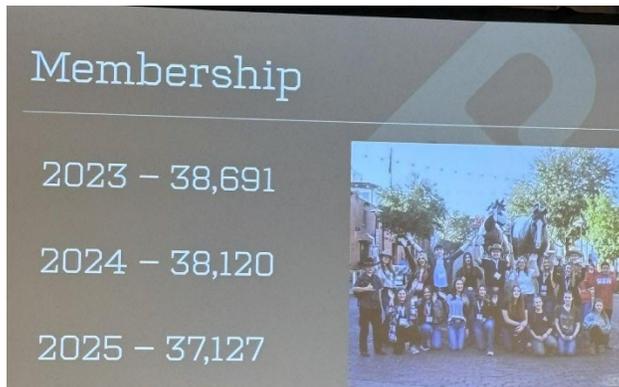
As the APHjA Youth Director, Natalie was focused on developing youth connections. She outlined 3 pillars of involvement: Connection: Using Professional Horseman to grow APHA youth leaders. Retention: Creating lasting impacts and relationships for youth within the industry through family connections. Involvement: Youth of the Year, Club of the Year, engaging in a 50/50 raffle, and also growing the service work of youth.

Natalie outlined the following as her next steps in continuing her work.

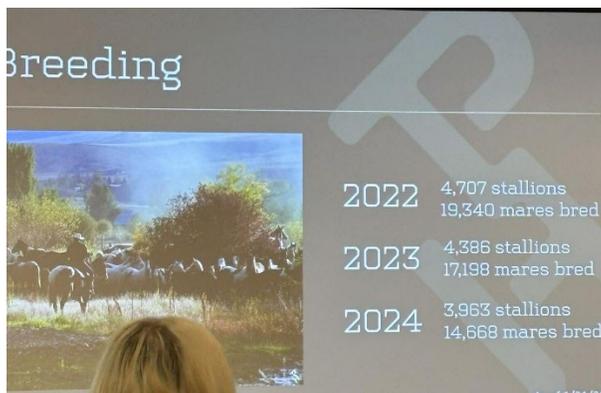
- 1. Expanding opportunities for youth engagement for unhorsed kids.
 - a. Youth World Show Team Tournament.
 - b. Horse IQ Youth Judging Contest.
 - c. Horse IQ Youth Showdown (knowledge bowl).
 - d. Futurity Project @ World Show.
 - e. Youth World Games in Germany.

2025 APHA Progress Report: Delivered by Kurt Crawford, Interim Chief Executive Officer

Membership: Showing a progressive decline over the last 3 years. Decline of 993 memberships from 2024 to 2025.



Breeding: Decline in 2024 from 2023. Info for 2025 will not be known until registrations occur in 2026. In 2024 423 less stallions were bred, and 2,530 less mares were bred.



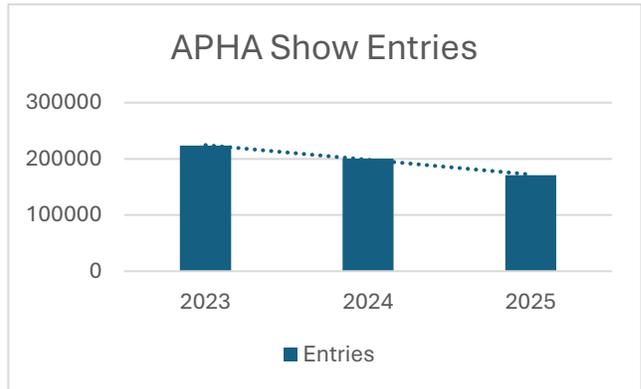
Registration: Decline in 2025 from 2024 in annual registrations were noted. There were 1,052 less registrations in 2025 from 2024.



Transfers of Ownership: Overall decline in 2025. There were 602 less transfers of ownership in 2025 from 2024.



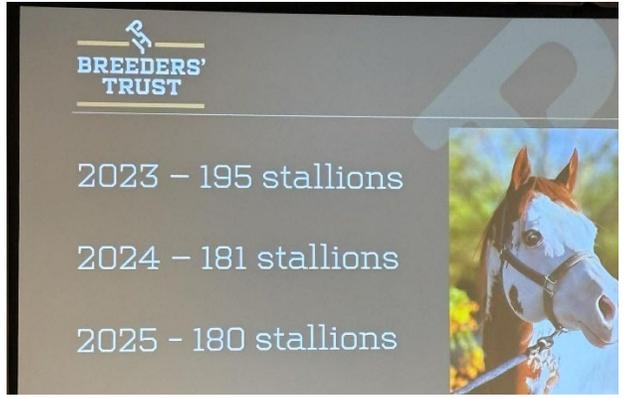
Show Entries: Progressive decline over the last 3 years is noted. There are overall less horses being shown. Exhibitors may be more selective about the events they choose to go to, as a means of reducing travel and costs of showing. Industry wide, all breed associations are seeing a decline in breed show participation, and overall people are showing in less classes.



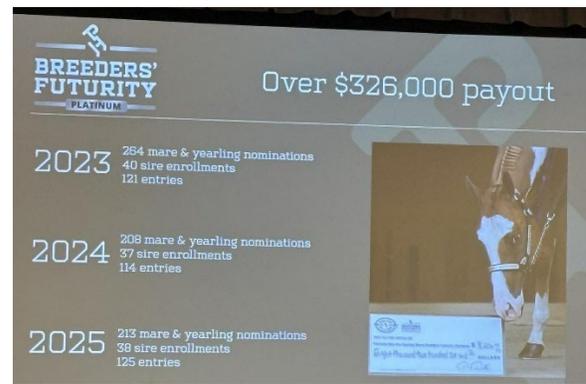
World Show & Halter Million: This area is also showing a steady decline over the last 3 years. Factors that may have contributed to a negative decline in 2025 are: The facility construction and economic factors.



Breeders Trust: This program has shown stability over the last 3 years. There are minimal changes noted.



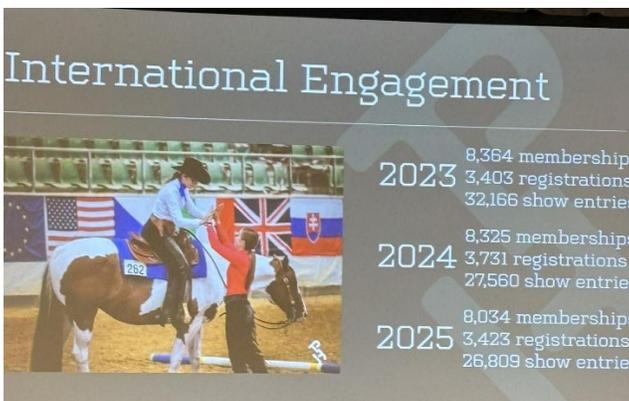
Breeders Gold & Platinum Futurity Program: growth was noted in the platinum program.



National Shows: Despite an overall lack of growth from 2024 to 2025, APHA recognizes that the National Shows are well supported, and important to the association and membership as a whole.



International Engagement: Our International Members make up 22% of the total APHA membership base. 1 out of every 5 APHA memberships is from an international person. International registrations make up 1 out of every 3 registered APHA horses. The international group is seeing a shift to the larger shows in 2025. The European Championship Show was once again a top-attended show in 2025.



Chrome Cash: In 2025, 1.6 million dollars were awarded in purse prizes. There were 4,861 total entries and overall, a 17% growth rate was seen in 2025. The money award is primarily obtained through exhibitor entry fees. We say APHA horses winning BIG events in 2025 in the cow horse associations! To date, there have been 4.7 million dollars paid out to APHA horses in Chrome Cash events. This program provides incredible value to APHA horses.

CHROME cash

NRHA 4,861 Total Entries
NCHA NATIONAL CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION
 \$1,601,958 Total Payouts
NRCCHA NATIONAL RED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION

SHUTX Stock Horse of Texas
CENCH RSNC
 NATIONAL RED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION

APHA Racing:

PAINT RACING
 RACING | BARREL RACING | PBRIP

Total Payouts - \$3,059,721
 Total Races - 294
 Total Starters - 1,433

PAINT BARREL RACING
 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Total Payout - \$142,207
 Participating States - 13
 Total Number of Events - 111

Paint Points: In 2025, Paynt Points payout #1: 77% of Youth and Amateurs who showed received money. Each person earned an average of 20 points. Paynt Points payout #1 had 69% of Youth and Amateurs who showed receiving money. This is significant because **ONLY 1% of APHA members participate in APHA breed shows!**

It Pays to be Paint

PAYNT POINTS
 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

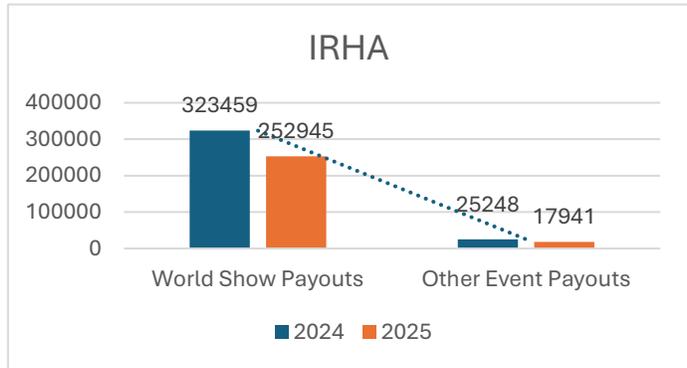
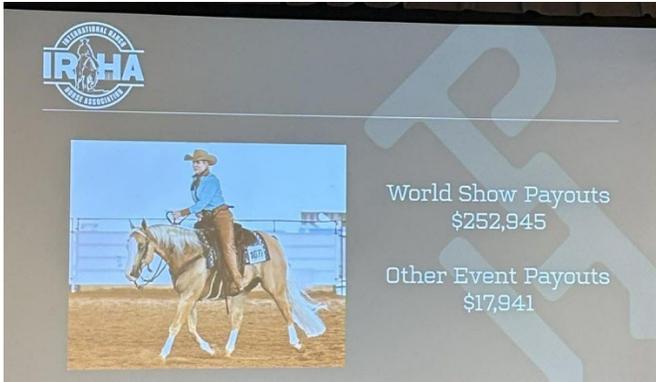
New For 2026
 Open Points
 Color Bonus
 \$1 MILLION Added by APHA

Color Bonus Eligible
PAYNT POINTS

Paid Out Over \$877,000
 In 2026, Paynt Points Expands to All Divisions

Paynt Points seeks to provide a tangible incentive to own, breed and show paint horses! "It Pays to Be Paint!"

International Ranch Horse Association: IRHA is an “All Breed,” ranch horse association, OWNED by APHA. 2024 showed higher rates of world show payouts and other event payouts.



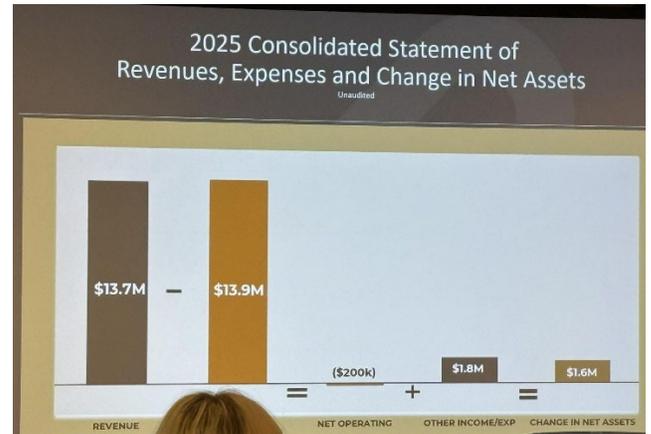
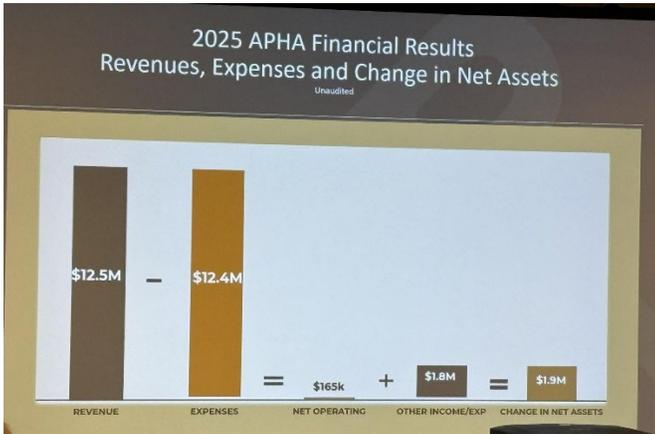
Horse IQ: The reining courses are the most used in 2025.



Social Media:



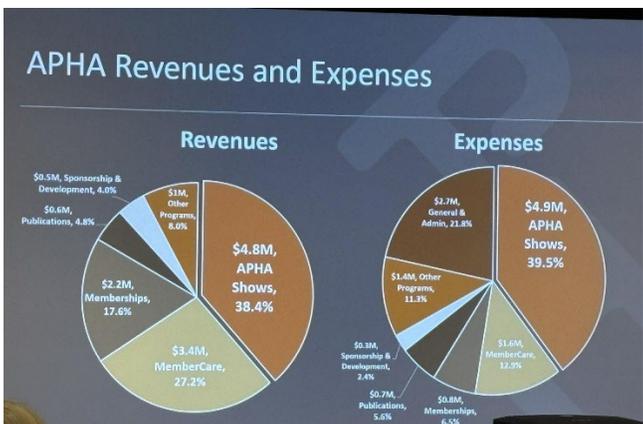
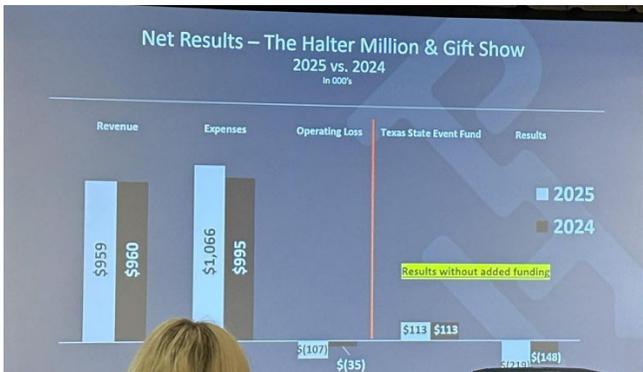
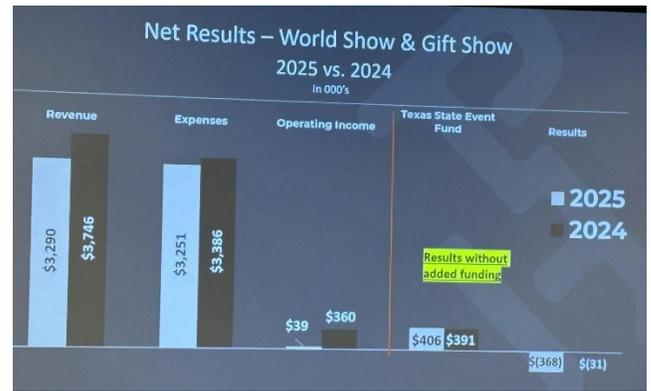
APHA Financial Report:



Statement of Financial Position Consolidated

Unaudited

2025		2024	
	Millions		Millions
Cash & cash equivalents	\$2.8	Cash & cash equivalents	\$2.4
Investments, at fair value	\$21.7	Investments, at fair value	\$20.2
Other Assets	\$5.3	Other Assets	\$5.7
Total Assets	\$29.8	Total Assets	\$28.3
Liabilities	\$5.7	Liabilities	\$5.7
Net Assets	\$24.1	Net Assets	\$22.6
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$29.8	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$28.3



February 27, 2026: Lessons From The Herd by Tina Shanahan

Exploring the foundations of leadership and general leadership concepts to become more intentional leaders.

- We explored our individual leadership types.
- We explored what effective leadership is and isn't.

The Right Lead: APHA's future for their Leadership Program

- Task force: David Lands, Lisa LaPlace, Diane Alves & Tina Shanahan worked to explore ways to grow APHA leaders and leadership from within the APHA membership.
 - They are aiming to improve collaboration with APHA leaders and to create experiential leadership opportunities.

February 28, 2026

Competition Advisory Committee Meeting

- **Overall, there is a decline in notices across all areas, EXCEPT in the Amateur Walk/Trot division, which noted an increase of 7.5%. Amateur exhibitors overall dropped 0.6% in 2025.**
- **Attached are handouts from this meeting with information about youth, amateurs, show, etc. counts and information, which were discussed and used to better understand the rule change proposals, etc.**

The following rule change proposals were discussed at this meeting.

- SC-015-1: moved out of committee.
- SC-027: moved out of committee.
- SC-105: moved out of committee.
- SC-115: moved out of committee.
- SC-120: this is written as a recommendation, not a rule. The committee determined it was not needed in the rule book. Proposal was defeated by the committee.
- SC-125: moved out of committee.
- SC-136: discussion around allowing show managers to get their own scribes. This was defeated by the committee.
- SC-160-1: discussion around class padding happening at shows. The group felt that a better system of checks and balances was needed for those who knowingly violate and enter classes they know they are not eligible in. The group discussed the negative consequences of any future world show qualification changes, and that moving this forward may have a negative impact on APHA's integrity and the money being awarded for paynt points. This was moved out of committee.
- SC-160-3: moved out of committee.
- SC-195-1: defeated by committee.
- SC-246: this proposal is strongly supported by the international committee. Moved out of committee.
- SC-251: the discussion centered around the large jump in the amount of money that could be earned. People are aware of what can happen when they enter big purse classes. The group felt that the consequences of earning large purses and losing the green horse eligibility were well known and understood. Defeated by committee.
- SC-301-1: the group felt that removing the requirement of earning a single cow point compromised the integrity of the ranch horse and what it means to be a ranch horse. This was defeated by the committee.
- SC-302 through SC-305: overall everyone was in favor of adding WT ranch classes. Some discussion around people living in the WT and not going into the lope classes occurred. Shows offering these classes now as all breed classes are seeing HUGE numbers of exhibitors. Moved out of committee.

- SC-311: moved out of committee
- AM-015: discussion over if this class would be included in division all around classes. There would be some impact to APHA staff. This would serve as a declaration of W only showmanship for people. If this proposal is moved forward, it would negate AM-300-1. Moved out of committee.
- AM-080: the re-aging of Master Amateurs to 50 is actually a natural split of the current memberships. Overall, this was a favorable option to everyone present. Moved out of committee.
- AM-085: discussion of alignment with AQHA. This also has the potential to reduce costs for families and allow for them to share a horse. Moved out of committee.
- AM-105: moved out of committee
- AM-117: There was a lot of discussion over this proposal. Overall, everyone agreed that there is a need for Green pattern classes. The discussion was around the “non-pro,” term. It was moved back and forth from the rules committee, and ultimately went forward as 2 different proposals, one for amateurs and one for youth.
- AM-205: The discussion around the lack of longitudinal NCEA data and having no way to determine if NCEA riders had previously been rostered with a team. There was discussion of favor over NCEA riders to not be Novice eligible while rostered on a team. Ultimately the committee defeated this proposal.
- AM-205: points calculated: moved out of committee.
- AM-205-2: moved out of committee.
- AM-300-23: discussion over APHA and legalities over having to store medical information, as well as making determinations for eligibility occurred. Defeated by committee.
- AM-300-3: defeated by committee
- YP-015: moved out of committee
- YP-109: moved out of committee
- YP-109-1 moved out of committee

State Director Meeting #1:

Role Call = 93 eligible voters (including 11 alternates), out of 181 total names called. This represents approximately 60% of attendance from the 181 names called.

March 1, 2026

State Director Meeting #2:

Role Call: 92 93 eligible voters (including 11 alternates), out of 181 total names called. This represents approximately 60% of attendance from the 181 names called.

Nominating & Leadership Development Committee:

Mark Kuhlwein & John Briggs are coming off the committee, opening up 2 new positions.

Elected: Jennifer Barbee and Cindy Chilton-Moore

APHA Board:

Kelly Bowles-Chapman and Peggy Cummings are leaving, opening up 2 new positions. Rachel Kooiker and Meredith Landy have finished their terms and are seeking a second term. 4 total positions to be filled.

Elected: Meredith Landy, Rachel Kooiker, Mark Reisinger & Adam Wainscott.

2026 President: Mike Holloway

President Elect: Jamie Howard

Thank you for electing me for a new term as one of your Washington State Directors! I love serving in this capacity and engaging with our association. I also love being a voice for all of us and sharing the impact we are making. I also love the opportunity to speak on behalf of our area on the rule proposals, etc. and the impacts we face from them.

Sincerely,

Kory Kumar

WA State Director

*See attachments handed out at Show & Contest Advisory Committee Meeting