

Dear,

NWCC, Zone 1, Idaho Paint Horse Club, Treasure Valley Paint Horse club and All Idaho APHA Horse Members

Please find below a summary of the 2026 APHA Leadership Gathering held from February 27 to March 1 at the Hotel Drover in Fort Worth, Texas as Reported by Director for Idaho Ted Proctor

Youth Report

APHJA Youth Director Natalie outlined three pillars for youth involvement: Connection, Retention, and Involvement. Future initiatives include expanding engagement for unhorsed youth through programs such as the Youth World Show Team Tournament, Horse IQ contests, and the Youth World Games in Germany.

2025 Progress & Financial Report

Interim CEO Kurt Crawford reported a general decline across several metrics from 2024 to 2025:

- Membership: Declined by 993 members.



- Breeding: Stallion services dropped by 423 and mare services by 2,530 in 2024.



- Registrations: Decreased by 1,052.



- Transfers of Ownership: Decreased by 602.

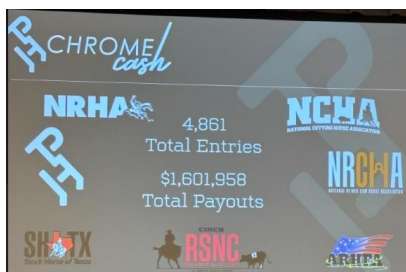


- Show Entries: A progressive three-year decline was noted, though the



"Chrome Cash" program saw 17% growth, awarding \$1.6 million in 2025.

- International: International members now account for 22% of total APHA membership.



Leadership Development

The "Lessons From The Herd" session and the "Right Lead" task force focused on growing intentional leadership and improving collaboration within the membership.

Competition Advisory Committee & Rule Proposals

The committee noted a 7.5% increase in the Amateur Walk/Trot division despite an overall decline in other areas. Key rule change discussions included:

Approved

SC-015-1
SC-027
SC-105
SC-115
SC-125
SC-160-1
SC-160-3
SC-246
SC-302 through SC-305
SC-311
AM-015
AM-080
AM-085
AM-105
AM-117
AM-205
AM-205-2,
YP-015
YP-109
YP-109-1.

Defeated:

SC-120
SC-136
SC-195-1
SC-251
SC-301-1
AM-205
AM-300-23
AM-300-3.

Elections and Appointments

- Nominating & Leadership Development Committee: Jennifer Barbee and Cindy Chilton-Moore were elected.
- APHA Board: Meredith Landy, Rachel Kooiker, Mark Reisinger, and Adam Wainscott were elected to fill four vacancies.

- 2026 Leadership: Mike Holloway will serve as President, with Jamie Howard as President-Elect.

Committees Served

I served on the Professional Horseman Committee in 2025

Best regards,

Ted Proctor