



## **PATH International Certification Oversight Committee Charter**

### **Committee Purpose**

**Certification Oversight Committee** reviews and promotes PATH International's accepted industry standards by verifying that all activities of the certification subcommittees adhere to PATH International standards in all aspects of equine-assisted services.

The Committee's primary functions are to:

- Oversee all subcommittee activities
- Assess certification procedures for objectivity and relevancy annually in accordance with the evolution of EAS
- Review and approved updates as needed to certification materials
- Assess instructor criteria for relevancy and update criteria as necessary for all levels of certification
- Review and authorize proposed certification policies and procedures to ensure objectivity, accuracy and appropriateness as required
- Consider and approve or deny escalated instructor candidate appeals on a case- by-case basis to uphold fairness of certification evaluations
- Facilitate training and education for certification faculty/evaluators annually

### **Committee Regulations**

At the beginning of each calendar year, the committee chair and staff liaison discuss the annual objectives for the committee and agree on those assignments and projects that best meet the association's needs, given its strategic priorities.

Decisions should be made in a democratic manner on the basis of full information and free discussion. The committee chair takes part in the discussion but his/her primary job is facilitating open discussion leading to a conclusion or decision.

### **Committee Makeup**

- Committee is always chaired by a former Riding Certification Subcommittee chair. The committee chair is appointed by the PATH Intl. staff liaison and approved by the Board. The chair of the committee is responsible for identifying and recruiting members, with the input of the staff liaison, during his/her tenure as chair.
- Committee members consist of Certification Subcommittee chairs



### **Term Limits**

- The chair serves a one-year term and may be invited by the PATH Intl. staff liaison to serve an additional one-year term. Chairs may serve three one-year terms as members on the committee and then serve an additional one or two years as chair.
- Committee members serve one-year terms. Committee members may be asked by the PATH Intl. staff liaison to serve up to three one-year terms.
- Total service on a committee (combining committee membership and chair responsibilities) shall not exceed five years on any one committee.

### **Staff Liaison**

PATH Intl. Director of Credentialing