

Letter to the Membership
From The Equine Welfare Committee
May 23, 2011
RE: Equine Welfare Committee Seeks Members

Dear Fellow Members:

In February 2011, the Equine Welfare Task Force (EWTF) officially became a NARHA standing committee – the Equine Welfare Committee (EWC). The committee is seeking to recruit enthusiastic, open-minded, dedicated individual members to join us in supporting our equine partners, and other animals that may assist us in our unique fields.

Purpose of the EWC:

To ensure the welfare of equines participating in association programs.

Primary Goals of the EWC:

- To advocate the most humane standard of care for the animals employed by the membership
- To actively identify and share resources to assist members in equine care
- To review association policies and standards that may affect the welfare of the horses in the various programs

With the official integration of EFMHA and NARHA at our National Conference in November 2010, and subsequent association committee developments of new program(s) and standards, the EWC will continue to play a key role in ensuring the welfare and “voice” of our equine partners.

The EWC is seeking individual members from across the United States, as well as internationally, from diverse backgrounds in order to give the broadest depth of expertise, knowledge and professionalism to enhance the work that this committee is progressively moving forward on in support of our equine partners in all association programs.

Membership Qualifications include, but are not limited to:

- Must be a current individual member of the association
- Demonstrate ability to work effectively as a team member
- Have access to e-mail on a daily basis
- Able to attend meetings/conference calls on a regular basis
- Able to complete tasks assigned in a timely manner
- Shows professional integrity

Members will serve a minimum 2-year term.

EWC Application Process:

If you or someone you know, would like to be considered as a candidate for membership on the EWC, you MUST:

1. Fill out a Committee Participation Application Form (available on the NARHA website www.narha.org)
2. Include with your Application Packet:
 - a. A current resume
 - b. List of 3 references, two professional and one personal, including names and telephone number(s)
3. A letter indicating your interest and intended contribution to the EWC. This letter MUST address EWC criteria and membership qualifications.

Your complete Application Packet (inclusive of items 1 – 3 and subparts listed above) must be sent via email to Jeff Kelling at jkelling@narha.org NO LATER THAN July 1st, 2011 (no exceptions).

The EWC chair will contact references for candidates submitting completed applications by the above deadline and the EWC will review those applications.

Applicants reviewed by the EWC will be notified of their status, post-review of applications, no later than July 20, 2011.

Thank you for your interest and continued support, both individually and within your own programs, of the association and our fabulous equine partners!

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Equine Welfare Committee, chair