

**International Committee Meeting Report
2018 Convention
Jacksonville, FL**

Mister President, on behalf of the International Committee I submit the following report:

1. The International Committee recommended that the 2018 Nominations and Credentials Committee approve the proposal to modify Article III Section 1.(f) of the Bylaws by changing “Oceania and others” to “Australasia-Africa” in order to be a better descriptor of the international membership region represented. This is in keeping with the wishes of the affiliate countries represented in this international membership region.
2. The International Committee reviewed a proposal to establish a new international affiliate in Ecuador. The International Committee recommends that Ecuador be granted provisional affiliate status until the 2019 AQHA Convention when their application will be reviewed for full affiliate status. Business plan funding will not be available until full affiliate status is granted.
3. The International Committee recommends the formation of a Task Force to examine the requirements and process for establishing new international affiliates. The recommended task force members are: Wesley Hatakeyama, Markus Muller, Clark Scoggins, Larry Larson, Alvaro Martincorena, Marco Stors, Kim Johnson, and Johannes Orgeldinger (Chair).
4. The International Committee reviewed the report from the Educational Exchange Task Force formed following the 2017 Convention. The report was accepted and this task force will dissolve following 2018 Convention.
5. The International Committee reviewed the report from the Affiliate Structure Task Force formed following the 2017 Convention. The report was accepted and this task force will dissolve following 2018 Convention.
6. The International Committee reviewed the report from the International Championship Event Task Force formed following the 2017 Convention. The International Committee recommends that this task force be reinstated through the 2019 Convention.
7. The International Committee recommends that the following be placed on the Nominations and Credentials Committee’s 2019 Convention agenda:

Change Article III Section 1.(f) of the to Bylaws to read: Each officially recognized international affiliate shall appoint one Appointed International Director. The current president of the international affiliate shall certify in writing to AQHA’s Executive Vice President his/her board’s appointment to serve as the Appointed International Director at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of the

Board of Directors, with changes allowed up to seven (7) days prior to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

8. The International Committee recommends that the following be placed on the Nominations and Credentials Committee's 2019 Convention agenda:

Modify Article III of the Bylaws to allow all Appointed International Directors to have voting rights in the Board of Directors meeting.

9. The International Committee challenges staff to review and modify internal processes to allow email copies of registration certificates, DNA kits, DNA results, membership cards and correspondence.
10. The International Committee recommends that the Studbook & Registration Committee implement a digital registration certificate system.
11. The International Committee recommends the development of a 2019 post-Convention educational seminar at Texas A&M University, hosted by Dr. Jessica Leatherwood.
12. The International Committee recommends the inclusion of the Youth Best Practices document as an addendum to the international affiliate agreement.
13. The International Committee recommends the formation of a Task Force to develop and discuss an international steward program. The recommended task force members are: Butch Carse (Chair), Eva Gebhard, Wesley Hatakeyama, Markus Muller, Marco Stors, Marilyn Randall, and Victor Wolf.
14. Lori Bucholz was elected as the International Committee chair.

On behalf of the International Committee, I move that the Membership approve the International Committee report and forward it to the Board of Directors for approval.

Lori Bucholz, Chair