

**Public Policy Committee  
2019 AQHA Convention  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Executive Committee Action**

1. To increase funding of the American Horse Council.  
**Executive Committee Action: Reduce funding**
2. To actively advocate for increased funding in the Veterans Benefits Administration budget for Equine Assisted Activity Therapy.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve**
3. To continue to work with industry partners to identify a long term solution to eliminate chronic labor shortages by raising the cap for guest worker visas.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve**
4. To continue to support tax extender legislation for the accelerated depreciation of race horses.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve**
5. To continue to support the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act (H.R. 693).  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve**
6. To continue to oppose the Safeguard American Food Exports Act (H.R. 961).  
**Executive Committee Action: Continue to oppose the Safeguard American Food Exports Act**
7. To continue to oppose the Horse Racing Integrity Act.  
**Executive Committee Action: Continue to oppose the Horse Racing Integrity Act**
8. To advocate for the inclusion of the Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act and the Recreation Not Red Tape Act in a “land package” to address trail maintenance issues.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve**
9. To continue to pursue regulatory and legislative options that would exempt the livestock industry from mandatory use of electronic logging devices.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve**
10. To support the American Association of Equine Practitioner’s position on the management of Bureau Land Management Wild Horses and Burros.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve**

11. To fund an update to AQHA's 50 state statutory survey defining horses as "livestock" and "companion animals."  
**Executive Committee Action: Send a request for funding to the Animal Welfare Council**
12. To support an AQHA public policy congressional internship program with startup funding of \$5,000.  
**Executive Committee Action: Investigate funding the project through the American Quarter Horse Foundation**
13. To fund a post-graduate fellowship designated to support AQHA's public policy lobbying and fundraising efforts.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve**
14. That the Executive Committee appoint a task force to develop a plan for the implementation of the Safe Sport Initiative. The task force to include representatives from the Public Policy, Youth and Show committees as well as the Professional Horsemen's Council.  
**Executive Committee Action: Deny as AQHA already has an in-house task force reviewing and researching the Safe Sport Initiative and its application/implementation associated with AQHA youth programs**
15. That the Executive Committee appoint a task force to update AQHA's position and messaging on horse's in transition.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve (Members Debbi Holmes-Stockstill - Chair, Brock Murphy, Austin Halvorson and Jerry Black)**
16. That the Executive Committee appoint new Political Action Committee trustees.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve (Trustees are Calvin White, Steve Osborne, James Clement, Brad Beauvais, Austin Halvorson, Paul Bailey and Brock Murphy)**