

2011 APHA Convention

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The 2011 convention held in Vancouver, WA. Where I serve on the registration committee and also sit in on long term planning. Since California was well represented, we have several directors reporting . My report will focus on the committees I work on.

Registration: There was confusion on the number of proposals for changes with the crop-out/ breeding stock requirements. It was suggested that the strongest of those proposed be rewritten and resubmitted for the 2012 workshop.

Long Range Planning: Many ideas were exchanged regarding ways to help the APHA members, breeders and exhibitors. Discussion concerning the problem of horses not being transferred. Possible solution: a form or place on APHA web site for seller to report the sale of horse. Other topics discussed: Changes in the terms and makeup of the Executive Committee itself. Currently if you would like to serve on the EC, you must make a 7 year commitment which is difficult if not impossible for most. Proposals sent to EC for review included shorter terms and the possibility that someone could serve on the EC for a three year term and not necessarily become APHA President. These and other options were suggested.

The topic of the Breeders Trust was introduced by President Elect. Greg Resinger; The idea of a lower BT annual fee and all stallions would be required enroll. This would make it more affordable for stallion owners and make all foals eligible for nomination.

Genetic testing for potentially deadly inherited traits. It may be necessary for APHA to make some kind of a move on this before we are forced by an outside entity. We now have the knowledge and ability to manage some of these traits. Awareness and education are necessary on these inherited traits.

General business:

A new interesting scholarship program was introduced to the floor by Jan Mannion which sounds promising and exciting.

The above discussed topics are ideas that are brought forward for 2012. Anyone with ideas or opinions on any of these and other subjects are encouraged to contact your directors to share your thoughts. We all want a better APHA.

Thank You for giving me the opportunity to work for this great breed,

Lindy Williams,
California Director

