

**Public Policy Committee  
2014 AQHA Convention  
New Orleans, LA  
Executive Committee Action**

1. To add Scott Merritt and Ralph Seekins as PAC trustees.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve Scott Merritt as a PAC trustee. PAC trustees include George Phillips, Wade Ellerbroek, Jerry Black and Scott Merritt**
2. For the PAC trustees to work with Ryan Thomas to develop a plan to distribute up to \$80,000 in contributions to federal candidates in this current election cycle.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve as amended: For the PAC trustees to work with Ryan Thomas to develop a plan to distribute up to \$100,000 in contributions to federal candidates in this current election cycle.**
3. To continue supporting a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. at current funding levels.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve**
4. To form a task force to investigate various fund-raising options, including but not limited to an auction at the AQHA convention, for the PAC. Task force to comprise Kelly Chapman, Calvin White, Elizabeth Gorski and Cindy Schonholtz.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve as amended: To form a task force to investigate various fund-raising options for the PAC. A PAC fund raising auction was approved to be held at the AQHA Convention every other year to start in 2016. Add Butch Wise to the task force.**
5. To develop an outreach program for the PAC for funding and an overall awareness program to educate more rank-and-file people on the PAC's mission.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approve**
6. To form a task force to further investigate Protect the Harvest. Task force to comprise Ryan Thomas, Cindy Schonholtz and Angelo Bizzarro.  
**Executive Committee Action: Approved the task force report**
7. For AQHA to continue its support of the American Horse Council's efforts and/or positions on:
  - a. Prevent All Soring Tactics Act
  - b. National Equine Health Plan
  - c. Tax Extender Act
  - d. Depreciation of race horses
  - e. Equine Tax Parity Act
  - f. Racing Medication bill
  - g. Internet Gambling Legislation
  - h. Immigration reform
  - i. Farm bill**Executive Committee Action: Approve**