

**Public Policy Committee Agenda
San Francisco, California
2008**

Committee Guidelines

1. Recommend positions and action plans related to legislative and regulatory issues identified as important to the American Quarter Horse and the members of AQHA.
2. Identify and recommend methods of supporting potential and current elected officials willing to support the horse industry.
3. Recommend methods of educating elected officials about the size and scope of the horse industry, as well as legislative and regulatory issues affecting the horse industry.
4. Recommend methods of educating AQHA members on legislative and regulatory issues affecting the horse industry and AQHA.
5. Members should contact their elected officials at the local, state and national level for discussion on issues of importance to AQHA.
6. Members should financially support AQHA's PAC on annual basis.
7. Travel to seats of government to discuss or testify on issues of expertise as necessary.

Agenda

1. Welcome by chair
2. Review committee guidelines
3. Meeting protocol
4. Members review of and comment on agenda items
5. American Horse Council Update
6. Discuss Horse Processing Issue
 - a. HR 503
 - b. S311
 - c. Review member recommendations on establishing Internet presence to voice opposition to bills; similar in tactic to HSUS
7. Review member requests to reinstate the Congressional Trail Ride
8. Discuss agriculture issues that can be addressed legislatively by AQHA
9. Update from PAC Fundraising Committee
 - a. Discuss possible “leveraging” of PAC funds to fund legislative fundraisers
10. Develop rotation schedule for Public Policy Committee members to Washington, D.C.
11. Discuss recommendations regarding a horse retirement facility
12. Review Public Policy Business Plan for 2007-08
13. National Animal Identification System Update
14. “Developing Grassroots Advocacy in Your Organization” by Michael E. Dunn
15. Consideration of Other Business
16. Voting for chair and vice-chair
17. Adjourn