

**International Committee Meeting Report
2021 Convention
San Antonio, TX**

Mr. President, on behalf of the International Committee, I submit the following recommendations:

1. The International Committee recommends that the Shows Committee approve the concept of AQHA virtual shows considering the limitations of in-person gatherings.
2. Should the Shows Committee approve the concept of AQHA virtual shows, the International Committee recommends the formation of a joint Task Force as soon as possible to examine the process and requirements for establishing AQHA-approved virtual shows.
3. The International Committee recommends the formation of a Task Force to create a proposed solution for how AQHA might count AQHA members and registered American Quarter Horses in countries that face geopolitical challenges, such as the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and the United Kingdom.

On other matters not requiring vote of the membership or Board of Directors, the committee discussed a variety of other topics resulting in the following committee input:

4. The International Committee acknowledges the termination of the Venezuelan Quarter Horse Association (VzQHA) and encourages VzQHA to reapply for international affiliation.
5. The International Committee encourages AQHA staff to explore new ways to engage new and current AQHA members in a continued pandemic influenced environment.
6. The International Committee supports the “Blazing a Trail” strategic youth discussions held at each standing committee’s meeting and encourages AQHA staff to explore strategies and new program ideas that will help stop the decline in youth membership numbers.
7. The International Committee encourages the AQHA International Department to create more opportunities for the International Committee to engage on a quarterly basis.
8. Re-elect Jose Ignacio “Nacho” de Mendiguren as International Committee Chair.

On behalf of the International Committee, I move that the membership support these recommendations and forward them to the Board of Directors for approval.

Jose Ignacio “Nacho” de Mendiguren, Chairman