

**International Committee Meeting Report
2019 Convention
Fort Worth, Texas**

Mister President, on behalf of the International Committee I submit the following report:

1. The International Committee recommends approval of Asociacion Balear del Caballo Cuarto de Milla as a new AQHA International Affiliate in Spain, and request that the organization modify their name to Asociacion Espana del Caballo Cuarto de Milla if legal for them to do so.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

2. The International Committee denied the application for AQHA International Affiliate status from Asociacion Ecuatoriana Cuarto de Milla from Ecuador.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

3. The International Committee recommends approval of Slovak Association of Western Riding and Rodeo as a new AQHA International Affiliate in Slovakia.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

4. The International Committee recommends the Executive Committee form a task force to explore ways to increase international participation in world shows.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

5. The International Committee recommends the Executive Committee form a task force to address international showing welfare concerns.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

6. The International Committee recommends the establishment of a training and credentialing process for International Show Stewards as recommended by the International Stewards Task Force.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

7. The International Committee recommends the Executive Committee form a joint task force between the International Committee and the Nominations and Credentials Committee to explore international representation on the Board of Directors.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

With respect to the following five items before other committees, the international committee was asked to provide their non-binding recommendations. These items were referred to their primary committees for consideration and are eligible for the

membership's and board of directors' vote at the time the primary committees' reports are presented:

8. The International Committee recommended to the Amateur Committee that they deny the proposal to modify SHW240.3 due to a comparable rule change proposal passed in 2014 and not yet implemented due to programming.
9. The International Committee recommended to the Show Format and Procedure subcommittee that they approve the proposal to modify SHW103.1.
10. The International Committee recommended to the Show Format and Procedure subcommittee that they approve the proposal to delete SHW245.3.4.
11. The International Committee recommended to the World Shows subcommittee that they deny the proposal to modify SHW240.4.
12. The International Committee recommended to the Show Format and Procedure subcommittee that they deny the proposal to add a new rule to establish two new age divisions: Young Horses for four and five year olds, and Four Plus for four year olds and older.

Executive Committee Action: Items 8-12 required no Executive Committee action as they were non-binding recommendations to other committees.

13. Jose Ignacio "Nacho" de Mendiguren was elected as the International Committee chair.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

On behalf of the International Committee, I move that the Membership approve the International Committee report and forward it to the Board of Directors for approval.

Lori Bucholz, Chair