

BY-LAWS and RULES and REGULATIONS
of the U.S. HARNESS WRITERS ASSOCIATION

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Article I – Organization and Charter Members

The U. S. Harness Writers Association, Inc., was organized on May 8, 1947, with the following charter members:

Mike Lee, Long Island Press, Jamaica NY
Robert Zellner, Newsday, Garden City NY
Murray Janoff, Long Island Press
Edward Binneweg, Long Island Press
Jack Schultz, Newsday
Lou O’Neill, Long Island Press
Ed Comerford, Newsday
Harry Schaefer, Long Island Press
James Kahn, New York Sun
James Snyder, Suffolk Newsday, Garden City NY
Robert Stirrat, Nassau Review-Star, Rockville Center NY

Article II – Purposes

The purpose of this Association shall be: “To bring about a closer relationship among member harness racing writers; voluntarily to assist in their mutual welfare; to endeavor to relieve unemployment among them; to create a better understanding between them and the governing powers of harness racing; to permit greater interest in the sport of harness racing through closer cooperation among writers of the sport and racing officials, owners, trainers, and drivers in the sport of harness racing, and for the general welfare and closer harmony among the writers through the bond of mutual membership in the Association.

“None of the purposes herein enumerated is intended to authorize the corporation or its members to engage, in whole or in part, in collective bargaining or dealings with employers concerning grievances, terms or conditions of employment.”

Article III – Membership.

Section 1 – There shall be the following classes of membership:

- (a) Active – Any person who is routinely engaged in the writing, dissemination, or promotion of news in harness racing and standardbred breeding may become a member of this Association. In addition, membership is open to sports editors, executive sports editors or assistants, cartoonists, and photographers from publications which regularly print harness racing news; to

radio and television employees of bonafide news outlets; and to those in the employ of harness tracks and standardbred breeding farms in public relations or publicity.

- (b) Associate – Open to all individuals and companies that share the goals of the Association. Such members may attend meetings and may speak at meetings with the permission of a majority of the regular members present, but will have no vote. They will receive the Association’s newsletter, a lapel pin, and a membership ID card. They will pay a \$25 annual fee.
- (c) Honorary – Any person, except those eligible for regular membership, who contributes to the sport of harness racing or to the benefit of USHWA may be elected an Honorary Member by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the vote of the Directors. Nominees are to be named by the Chapters and the At-Large Directors. Candidates failing to receive a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority may be considered in a second ballot which will be permitted by the president for all candidates receiving a simple majority. To be elected, a candidate must still receive $\frac{3}{4}$ approval by the Directors voting. Honorary members shall be granted the privilege of wearing the Association’s insignia, but shall have none of the other rights or privileges granted regular members. No more than three honorary members may be elected in any one year.
- (d) Inactive – Any member, with the exception of charter members of this Association, who no longer qualifies for membership shall revert to Inactive status. If an active member shall be unemployed involuntarily (e.g., a newspaper or other employer goes out of business), he shall remain an active USHWA member for six months pending reemployment in the field of harness racing reporting. At the end of the six month period, the member is to be notified, advising him of the right to request review of his status. This rule shall not apply to members who, in the six month period, become employed outside harness racing.

Appeal – All members shall have the right to appeal a changed status to the National Board of Directors. Members ruled inactive shall not have the right to vote or hold office. Upon recommendations by the Chapters or At-Large Directors, regular members may be placed on the Inactive list. Inactive members shall be invited to attend annual meetings. It shall be the duty of each Chapter to notify the National Secretary within thirty days of any change in a member’s status.
- (e) Life – The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, nominate and elect Life members. Life members are entitled to wear a gold membership lapel pin and are exempt from paying national and chapter dues, although they will be encouraged to pay a \$15 annual assessment.
- (f) Retired – Any fifteen-year member of this Association who retires from writing about harness racing – and thus no longer has the writing of harness racing news as his principal means of income – shall, upon attaining the age of 62 years, automatically retain his membership (active or inactive) without payment of national dues, although retired members will be asked to voluntarily pay of annual assessment of \$15 to help offset Association operating expenses.

Section 2 – Changes in Classification.

Changes in classification of members shall be subject to the recommendations of the Membership Committee of each chapter, but, after being approved by the chapter membership, shall be subject to the certification of the Board of Directors of this Association. Changes in classification of members who do not belong to a certified chapter shall be ruled on by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – Election to Membership.

- (a) New members in areas served by Chapters shall be elected by the certified members of this Association in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Association. A person must make written application, accompanied by the appropriate fees. The application is then presented to and must be passed by the Chapter's Membership committee. The Secretary of the Chapter shall then give written notice of the application to all members of the Chapter not less than two weeks prior to the date on which the candidate will be voted on by the general Chapter membership. Five negative votes shall be sufficient to reject the candidate. A person denied membership must wait one year before reapplying.
- (b) Any person employed or residing in an area which is not within the jurisdiction of a certified Chapter of this Association shall make application directly to the National Secretary and shall be subject to election by the National Board of Directors.
- (c) Members shall not be permitted to transfer from one Chapter to another without permission in writing from both Chapters. If either Chapter objects to said transfer, the member reverts to At-Large status while the National Membership Committee adjudicates the issue.

Section 4 – Suspension.

A member may be suspended for a period of time or expelled by the Chapter of which she or he is a member for cause, such as violation of any of the rules of this Association, or conduct prejudicial to the best interests of this Association. Such expulsion or suspension shall be by a vote of 2/3 of the members of the Chapter after a hearing before said members. A statement of charges against any member, active or inactive, shall be mailed to her or him at least ten days before final action is taken. The statement shall be accompanied by notice of the time and place where the hearing will be held, and the member shall have an opportunity to present a defense at the time and place mentioned in said notice. Such action shall be subject to the certification of the Board of Directors of this Association. The matter of expulsion or suspension of members who do not belong to a certified Chapter shall be considered by the Board of Directors.

Section 5 – Resignation.

Any member may resign by written notice to the National Secretary. The resignation becomes effective thirty days after receipt of the letter.

Section 6 – Reinstatement.

A member may be reinstated upon written application to the Board of Directors and the approval of a simple majority. He or she shall be required to pay a penalty of one year's dues plus the upcoming year's dues.

Article IV – Chapters.

Section 1 – Any group of not fewer than eight members of this Association may apply to the national Board of Directors for the right to form a local Chapter which shall encompass an area which includes at least one harness track (2006). All members of a Chapter must be members of USHWA – penalty is Chapter revocation. A chapter must at no time drop below six members; if after 12 months the Chapter is still below six members, the chapter shall be disbanded and its members placed in the closest appropriate existing chapter, including the at-large chapter if deemed appropriate (2007).

Section 2 – By-laws shall provide for at least one regular annual meeting plus special meetings and the election of officers. Such by-laws shall be submitted to the National Secretary for examination. If the by-laws are found to comply with the national by-laws, the Chapter shall be granted recognition upon approval by 2/3 of the National Board of Directors.

Section 3 – Each local Chapter shall have the right to assess local Chapter dues in addition to the national dues.

Section 4 – The elected President of each Chapter shall automatically become a member of the National Board of Directors. The Chapter by-laws shall also provide for the election or appointment of a second Chapter member to serve on the national Board of Directors. The Chapter's president is empowered to appoint alternates for Chapter Directors unable to attend national meetings.

Section 5 – The annual Chapter meetings will follow a regular format which shall include:

- (1) The Chapter must notify the National Secretary of the date of its annual meeting so that he may attend.
- (2) Election of officers and National Directors.
- (3) The nominations for the USHWA Living Hall of Fame, Proximity Award and Communicators Corner Hall of Fame, and other such awards as are determined by balloting among members (2004).
- (4) Suggestion for honorary members of National and such other awards and/or special committees.
- (5) Review Chapter membership roster for inactive or retired members.
- (6) Appoint representatives to sell advertising and handle editorial material, ad copy and pictures for the annual National Harness Journal.

A chapter must hold at least one organized meeting per calendar year, with minutes submitted to the Secretary; if it fails to do so by February 1 of the succeeding year, that chapter shall be disbanded and its members placed in the closest appropriate existing chapter, including the at-large chapter if deemed appropriate (2007).

Article V – Dues.

Section 1 – Dues and the Method of Payment.

The Board of Directors, from time to time, can address the amount and payment of national dues.

Section 2 – Assessments.

Additional assessments may be levied if approved by 2/3 of the Directors.

Section 3 – Dues are payable January 1 and no later than June 30.

Article VI – Meetings.

Section 1 – Annual Meeting.

The Association will have an annual meeting of both the Board of Directors and the general membership, and the two meetings may, at the discretion of the President, be combined. At each annual meeting, the date and site for the following meeting and awards dinner will be set. Notice of such meeting, signed by the National Secretary, shall be made to the last recorded address of each member at least two weeks before the date appointed for such meeting. The meeting notice shall include the place, date, time, and purpose of such meeting.

Section 2 – Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Association or of the Board of Directors may be called by the National Secretary at the discretion of the President or upon written request of 2/3 of the Directors.

Section 3 – Quorum.

The presence in person of ten Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4 – Order of Business.

The order of business at all meetings of the Association shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Calling the roll.
- (2) Reading the minutes of the previous meeting.
- (3) Communications.
- (4) Election of officers and new members.
- (5) Reports of officers.
- (6) Reports of committees.
- (7) Unfinished business.
- (8) New business.
- (9) Welfare Fund.

Section 5 – Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the Association meetings in all cases where they are applicable and where they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or special rules of this Association.

Article VII – Officers.

Section 1 – Officers

The officers of this Association shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Board (2003).

Section 2 – Method of Election.

The officers shall be elected at the annual general membership meeting by secret ballot, and a vote of the majority of members present shall be necessary to constitute an election. When no one achieves a majority on the first ballot, only the top two votegetters shall be returned for a subsequent ballot(s). The said officers shall assume their offices immediately after their election.

Section 3 – Duties of Officers.

The duties and powers of the officers of this Association shall be as follows:

President – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote on all committees. He shall call special meetings when necessary, and shall appoint all standing committees created by the by-laws. At the annual meetings of the Association, and other such times as he shall deem proper, he shall also communicate to this Association such matters and make such suggestion as may, in his opinion, tend to promote the prosperity and welfare and increase the usefulness of this Association. He shall perform such duties as are necessary to the office. The elected President will receive \$250 a year.

Vice-President – In the case or the death of the President or his inability to serve, the First Vice-President shall perform the duties of his office. In case of the death or disability of both the President and First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office.

Secretary – It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice and attend all meetings of the Association and to keep a correct record of all the minutes of the proceedings at all meetings. He shall conduct all correspondence and keep a correct record of all activities of the Association for presentation at its annual meeting. He shall notify Officers and members of the Association of their election and notify members of their appointment to any committees. He shall prepare under the direction of the President an annual report of the transactions and conditions of this Association and shall devote his best efforts to forwarding the business and advancing the interest of the Association. In the case of the absence or disability of the Secretary, the President may appoint an Acting Secretary. The elected Secretary will receive \$2600 per year plus expenses. The National Secretary shall be bonded as part of an overall package on national officers, the Charity Journal Committee and Chapters.

Executive Secretary – Shall be an elected officer open to a Secretary who has served 25 years in the position of Secretary. He shall assist all Officers, especially the Secretary, in all duties (2003). He shall receive compensation of \$1200 per year, plus expenses (2006).

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall keep an account of all the monies received and expended for the use of the Association and shall make disbursement. He shall deposit all sums received in a bank or banks approved by the six elected officers and make a report at the annual meeting or when called upon by the President. All USHWA accounts shall require only one signature, that of the Treasurer. The funds, books, and vouchers in his hands shall at all times be under the supervision of the President and subject to his inspection and control. At the expiration of the Treasurer's term of office, he shall deliver

to his successor all books, monies, and other properties. He will receive \$1000 salary, plus expenses. The fiscal year of this Association shall coincide with the calendar year.

Chairman of the Board – The Chairman of the Board shall be an elected officer, and a member of the Executive Committee. He shall assist the other officers in the performance of their duties. The outgoing President shall be considered as the sole candidate for this position.

All of the officers shall be reimbursed by the Association for expenses incurred in discharging their duties.

Section 4 – Bonding.

The Treasurer shall give to the Association such security for the faithful discharge of his duties as the Association may direct. All Chapter Treasurers must be bonded in an amount determined by the chapters in consultation with the national organization.

Section 5 – Vacancies.

Vacancies in any office shall be filled as follows: The President may appoint a successor who will serve in that office until the next regular membership meeting of the Association or until a special meeting called to fill the office by an election.

Article VIII – Directors.

Section 1 – Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of this Association shall be an elected body composed of the seven national officers, the past presidents, and representatives of each duly-organized Chapter and the At-Large members, according to the following formula: One Director who shall be the Chapter President, and one additional Director (2006).

The At-Large Directors shall be elected through a mail vote of the At-Large members conducted annually in January by the National Secretary. At-Large Directors shall be elected for a term of one year, which shall begin the day after the completion of the annual meetings.

In January of each year, a list of at-large members will be sent to all at-large members, asking that anyone not interested in being an at-large director to notify the National Secretary. A list of all other members, thus regarded as candidates, will be compiled and sent to all at-large members. There will be space for write-in votes. Those receiving the largest number of votes will be declared at-large directors.

Section 2 – Authority of Directors.

The Directors will conduct the business of this Association and shall have the power to make decisions by their majority vote. Balloting will be conducted by mail between regular meetings when necessary. Members may rescind or retract decisions of the Directors by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the members present and voting at the next national meeting.

Section 3 – One Man, One Vote.

No Director may have more than one vote. When a National Officer is also a Chapter representative on the Board of Directors, a Chapter is entitled to representation by another Director.

Article IX – Committees.

Section 1 – Appointed Committees.

At the annual meeting after his election or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the following committees:

- (a) Membership Committee. All applications shall be submitted to the Secretary, who will serve as the Membership Committee subject to the ratification of his action on applications by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Welfare Committee. The National Treasurer will serve as Chairman. Each Chapter President is a member. It is the duty of this committee to investigate and report to the President any applications for relief or assistance. Upon a report from the Welfare Committee, the Board of Directors may by a majority vote authorize monies to be expended for any charitable purpose.
- (c) Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee shall include the Board of Directors member or his duly appointed representative from each Chapter.
- (d) Hall of Fame Committee. A Hall of Fame Committee will act on nominees submitted by the Chapters.

Section 2 – Special Committees.

The President may at any time appoint other committees on any subject for which there are no standing committees in this Association.

Section 3 – Quorum.

A majority of the members of any committee of this Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business unless any committee, by a majority vote of its membership, decides otherwise.

Section 4 – Committee Vacancies.

The President shall have power to fill vacancies.

Section 5 – The President shall be an ex-officio voting member of all committees.

Article X – Seal.

Section 1 – USHWA Seal.

The seal of this Association shall be the one adopted and shall contain the legend “U.S. Harness Writers Association.” In addition, the membership may approve such logos as they deem helpful to the public image of the Association.

Article XI – Welfare Fund.

The association may grant from its Welfare Fund a payment to the family of a deceased member.

Article XII – USHWA Living Hall of Fame.

Section 1 – Rules for Election.

Rules for the election of living persons to the Hall of Fame of the Trotter in Goshen NY by qualified members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association are as follows:

- (a) This Association is authorized to conduct elections each year to select living persons to be enshrined in the Hall of Fame of the Trotter, now known as the Harness Racing Museum and National Hall of Fame.
- (b) Candidates shall be chosen on the basis of ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character and their contributions to harness racing.

- (c) Should a candidate die after being placed on the ballot by the Screening Committee, their name may remain on the ballot for consideration (2005).
- (d) To be eligible, a nominee must have been active in any phase of harness racing sometime after September 1940. Driver and trainer nominees must have at least 15 years of exceptional activity in the sport; for all other activities, the time standard would be at least twenty years.
- (e) To be eligible, a candidate may also be considered, regardless of the above mentioned time requirement, if he or she has shown extraordinary accomplishments in the sport over a reasonable period of time.
- (f) No member of the Hall of Fame Screening Committee shall be nominated to the Living Hall of Fame (2004).
- (g) Elections shall be held in a timely fashion (2003).
- (h) To be eligible to vote, one must be a member in good standing of this Association. He or she must be an active harness writer who has been a member of USHWA for two full years (2005). Member sports editors are eligible, as are radio and TV sports directors and racetrack publicity directors. Living Hall of Fame members will also receive a ballot and are able to vote for the Living Hall of Fame (2005). The National Secretary shall maintain an alphabetical list of those members of this Association who are eligible to vote in Hall of Fame elections.
- (i) Nominations to the USHWA Living Hall of Fame shall be made through the Chapters and through the At-Large Directors on or before June 1 of each year. Each Chapter and the At-Large Directors shall make no more than two (2) nominations in a year (2004). The nominations shall be reviewed by the Hall of Fame Committee before being submitted to the voters. The committee shall have the power to delete from, but not add to, the list of nominations made by the chapter (2003).
- (j) The Committee shall be empowered, if it chooses, to set up an Advisory Committee of not more than five members of the Living Hall of Fame to offer advice and counsel on Hall of Fame nominations and ensure that they meet the qualifications set forth in our rules.
- (k) Hall of Fame Committee members who were appointed with no time limit shall serve until they resign or are replaced by the President. The President may each year appoint one new member to the Hall of Fame Committee, replacing a "no time limit" person, until all Committee members are on a six-year term; she may also replace any member who leaves the Committee with a new six-year term member. The President cannot appoint himself. Committee members will serve out their six-year term unless they resign, and can be reappointed at the end of their term (2003).
- (l) The National Secretary shall send a ballot listing the nominees and including brief biographical information to the eligible voting members. The member shall mark the ballot in the affirmative, negative, or abstain for each candidate, sign the ballot and return it to the duly-authorized tabulating representative within the period prescribed for voting (2006). The secretary shall preserve the integrity of secret balloting (2005). Any candidate receiving 75% of the ballots cast shall be elected to the USHWA Living Hall of Fame.

Section 2 – USHWA Living Hall of Fame, Seniors Category.

Because the purpose of the USHWA Living Hall of Fame is to honor participants in the sport who have made, throughout their careers, outstanding contributions to the sport, and because many deserving of the honor are being overlooked by either not being nominated or by not being elected, the Seniors Category will honor veterans who deserve, but have been denied the prestigious Hall of Fame Award.

- (a) Nominees must be 60 years or older, and have been active in the sport for 25 years.
- (b) If the nominee has been on the regular Hall of Fame ballot, there must be a two-year waiting period before she or he is eligible to the Seniors Category.
- (c) Only one election can be held each year.
- (d) Nominees must meet all criteria set forth for USHWA Living Hall of Fame nominees in USHWA award rules.
- (e) Each Chapter and the At-Large Directors shall make no more than one (1) Seniors Category nomination in any year (2004).
- (f) Nominees must be approved by the USHWA Living Hall of Fame Committee in its prescribed screening process, and then by 2/3 of voting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – Communicators Corner of the Hall of Fame (2004).

The Association, in cooperation with the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in Goshen NY, has established at that museum a Communicators Corner Hall of Fame where outstanding communicators in harness racing and standardbred breeding will be honored (2004).

- (a) The Association is authorized to conduct elections each year.
- (b) To be eligible, a living nominee must have been active in communications about harness racing for at least 20 years. A nominee who is deceased must have been active in harness racing for an extended period of time (2003).
- (c) No member of the Hall of Fame Screening Committee shall be nominated to the Communicators Corner of the Hall of Fame (2004).
- (d) Elections will be held in a timely fashion (2003).
- (e) A Senior Communicators category, for those who may have been overlooked in previous elections and which will operate in a similar fashion as the Senior Living Hall of Fame category (see XII, 2) shall complement the Communicators category (2006).
- (f) Nominations shall be made by the Chapters and at-large members and submitted to the National Secretary at least 30 days before the date of the annual meeting (2005). Each Chapter shall make no more than two (2) nominations in one year: either two Communicators, or one Communicator and one Senior Communicator (2006).
- (g) The nominees will be discussed in unison at the Annual Meeting during General Membership session, wherein the general membership shall select no more than two nominees by secret ballot, in like fashion as the Chapter nominations (2006). In the event of a tie, those names shall be returned for subsequent ballots. The nominees will then be voted on via mail. To be elected a nominee must receive 75% of the general membership vote for the

Communicators Corner, and 2/3 of the Directors for the Senior Communicators (2006).

Article XIII – Amendments.
Section 1 – How To Amend.

These bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a 2/3 vote of the Directors present at an annual meeting of the Association, provided the proposed change(s) has been submitted in writing to the President and Secretary at least 30 days before the date of the meeting at which the change is to be considered.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Board of Directors, from time to time, shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations that are not inconsistent with the bylaws of this Association. The Board of Directors, from time to time, shall determine appropriate awards to be made by the Association.

These rules and regulations, which are not part of the bylaws, and are here organized by these two major categories, include the following:

USHWA OPERATIONS

1. Insignia. Racetracks will be encouraged to extend press privileges, particularly for parking and admission, to all members of the Association who display the membership lapel pin.
2. Replacement Pins. Members losing their membership pins may have them replaced for \$10.
3. Past Presidents. All Past Presidents of the Association, whether active, inactive, retired, or Life, shall automatically become voting members of the Board of Directors.
4. Directors Reimbursements. Chapter and At-Large Directors and National Officers will be reimbursed for their travel to the annual meeting; the mileage allowance will be 22 cents per mile. Chapter Directors will be compensated for one night's hotel stay; any additional hotel expenses are to be covered by the Chapter. All other Directors will be compensated for two nights' stay, except the seven National Officers, who shall receive three nights' compensation, as they meet on a day before the Directors meeting (2003).
5. Free Dinner Tickets. A maximum of two tickets to the annual awards dinner will be given at no charge to Life Members, Past Presidents, National Officers, and Dinner Committee Members. In case of "overlap," no one person shall receive more than two tickets.
6. Income Tax Exemption Number 11-6034843. Official notification dated 9-25-64, by U.S. Treasury Department, I.R.S., Brooklyn NY, signed Thomas E. Scanlon, District Director.

7. Dominic H. Frinzi, Esq., a member of this Association, has offered to handle at no charge for his services any legal matters or issues involving or affecting the Association. Mr. Frinzi invites Chapters and/or members with Association problems requiring a lawyer's advice or services to contact him: 3127 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53208.

USHWA AWARDS

1. Driver of the Year. As with the Trainer of the Year and Owner of the Year, an award for outstanding merit to be voted on by the Directors from nominations by the Chapters (2003).
2. E. Roland Harriman Memorial Harness Horse of the Year Trophy. Balloting, including divisional winners, Trotter and Pacer of the Year, and Harness Horse of the Year, will be conducted among members of this association and the American Harness Racing Secretaries. The voting shall be conducted and tabulated by the Publicity Department of the U. S. Trotting Association. Anyone who does not vote in this balloting for two separate years shall be dropped from the list of voters, which shall be maintained by the USTA. They may be reinstated through a written request to the USHWA National Secretary.
3. National Breeders Award. This shall annually be presented to the breeders of the Horse of the Year.
4. The awards presented by this Association which honor the champion horses of a given year shall be known as the Dan Patch Awards.
5. Proximity Award. This award shall be presented annually to an individual, group or organization for outstanding contributions to harness racing. Chapters will consider deserving candidates at their annual meetings and forward nominations to the National Secretary; from them, Directors will select three finalists by a vote. These three finalists shall be put to vote among the Association membership, who shall select the winner. Each Proximity recipient, with the exception of USHWA members, shall be made an Honorary Member of USHWA and shall be presented with a silver lapel pin.
6. Glen Garnsey Memorial Trainer of the Year Award.
7. Norman Woolworth Memorial Owner of the Year (2006).
8. Rising Star Award, to an outstanding young trainer and/or driver for early career achievements.
9. Low Barasch Memorial Breakthrough Award, which will honor a non-trainer/driver for early career accomplishments (2007).
10. William Houghton Good Guy Award (formerly the McCarthy Good Guy Award). This award will go to a person in the sport who is deemed cooperative with the media and who, in personality, closely exemplifies the best characteristics of the

- late William Haughton. She shall be a person whose conduct reflects credit on the sport and on himself. No racetrack, horse, publicist, newspaper or radio-TV staffer shall be eligible; however, former or retired publicity and media persons may be considered.
11. LeeAnne Pooler Unsung Hero Award, given annually to an individual who has labored, largely without recognition, for the good of standardbred racing and/or breeding (2003).
 12. The national Board of Directors will vote on nominations of the Chapters of certain awards, including Good Guy, Driver, Trainer and Owner of the Year, Rising Star, Breakthrough, and Unsung Hero (2006).
 13. Broodmares of the Year – A committee shall be appointed by the President for such awards as determined by specific criteria, and then the membership shall determine the winners among those candidates (2007).
 14. Bob Zellner USHWAn of the Year, the Association honoring one of its own for outstanding dedication and service to USHWA. The recipient shall be chosen by a committee appointed by the President.
 15. President's Awards. The President may, at her or his discretion, authorize special awards where such recognition is in the best interest of harness racing and this Association.
 16. Discontinued Awards – Lou Levitt Memorial Humanitarian Award, Headliner Award, Jack Schultz Memorial Trophy for top UDR driver with 500+ starts, National Armstrong Award for top driving winning percentage with 150+ starts, Peter Haughton Memorial Award. The Secretary will maintain an historical record of these awardwinners.
 17. John Hervey Awards; Broadcasters Awards; George Smallsreed Award. The Association will recognize excellence in writing, broadcasting, and photography, and will honor the winners at its annual Awards Banquet (2007). All members of the Hervey Committee shall be ineligible to enter or win a Hervey Award (2007).