

PATH International / Equine Welfare Committee Charter

Committee Purpose

The Equine Welfare Committee works to educate the association's membership in topics pertinent to equine welfare, with a focus on promoting the welfare of equines participating in EAAT programs at PATH Intl. Member Centers and with PATH Intl. Certified Professionals.

- To appeal to the association's membership through education to evaluate and implement humane standards of care for the equines participating in EAAT programs.
- To actively identify and share resources to educate and assist members in equine care, wellness and longevity.
- To work with the PATH Intl. staff liaison to complete specific education goals to be accomplished annually

Committee Regulations

At the beginning of each calendar year, the committee chair and staff liaison discuss the annual objectives for the committee and agree on those assignments and projects that best meet the association's needs, given its strategic priorities.

Decisions should be made in a democratic manner on the basis of full information and free discussion. The committee chair takes part in the discussion but his/her primary job is facilitating open discussion leading to a conclusion or decision. The chair will collaborate with the PATH Intl. office regarding call agendas and assist in maintaining project timelines for group members.

Committee Makeup

Members must:

- Be a current individual member of PATH Intl.
- Have access to email on a daily basis
- Be able to attend meetings/conference calls on a regular basis
- Have demonstrated ability to work effectively as a team member
- Show professional integrity
- Show active involvement in his/her field
- It is recommended that members serve on one committee, subcommittee, advisory group or task force at a time. The Chair or a committee representative will represent the committee, subcommittee, advisory group or task force on the appropriate oversight committee.
- Be willing to list contact information for the membership on the website
- Be able to complete tasks assigned in a timely manner
- Write four tips for PATH Intl. eNews per year
- Actively moderate and contribute to EWC Community Connections for at least one month per year.
- Serve on at least one task force for EWC per year (if applicable)
- Participate in one or more of the following additional activities:
 - o Represent EWC at the PATH Intl. Conference and Annual Meeting
 - o Work on a sub-committee or work group
 - o Work on an article for PATH Intl. Strides Magazine
 - o Contribute/present equine wellness topics in quarterly online education productions
 - o Contribute/present on an eNews Equine Tip Meet the Author webinar

Term Limits

- The chair serves a one-year term and may be invited by the PATH Intl. staff liaison to serve an additional one-year term. Chairs may serve four one-year terms on the committee and then serve an additional one or two years as chair.
- Committee members serve one-year terms. Committee members may be asked by the PATH Intl. staff liaison to serve up to four one-year terms.
- Total service on a committee (combining committee membership and chair responsibilities) shall not exceed five years on any one committee.)

Staff Liaison:

PATH Intl. Education Coordinator