

## **Section 1. Membership**

Membership in the Council shall be open to groups, entities, and individuals. There shall be eight categories of membership: Association, Not-for-Profit Rescue Stable, Not-for-Profit Therapeutic and Riding for the Disabled Stable, Youth-club, Business, Farm, Individual and Advisory. Acceptance into a particular category shall be according to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## **Section 2. Association Members**

Association membership is open to groups, clubs, and associations that have voting memberships. Payment of dues as determined pursuant to Article I, Sec. 12 of these By-Laws shall entitle the association to designate one individual (and one alternate) to serve as a Director and voting member of the Council.

## **Section 3. Not-for-Profit Rescue Stable Members**

Not-for-Profit Rescue Membership is open to equine rescue stables that are licensed by the Maryland Horse Industry Board, registered with the Maryland Department of State as not-for-profit, and have IRS status as a 501(c)(3) corporation. Payment of dues as determined pursuant to Article I, Sec. 12 of these By-Laws shall entitle the business to designate one individual (and one alternate) to serve as a voting member of the Council.

## **Section 4. Not-for-Profit Therapeutic and Riding for the Disabled Stable Members**

Not-for-Profit Therapeutic and Riding for the Disabled Stable Membership is open to therapeutic and riding for the disabled stables that are licensed by the Maryland Horse Industry Board, registered with the Maryland Department of State as not-for-profit, and have IRS status as a 501(c)(3) corporation. Payment of dues as determined pursuant to Article I, Sec. 12 of these By-Laws shall entitle the business to designate one individual (and one alternate) to serve as a voting member of the Council.

## **Section 5. Youth-Club Members**

Youth-club membership is open to clubs whose membership is limited to those under 25 years of age. Payment of dues as determined pursuant to Article I, Sec. 12 of these By-Laws shall entitle the club to designate one individual (youth or adult), (and one alternate) to serve as a voting member of the Council.

## **Section 6. Business**

Business membership is open to any business, service, or professional. Payment of dues as determined pursuant to Article I, Sec. 12 of these By-Laws shall entitle the business to designate one individual (and one alternate) to serve as a voting member of the Council.

## **Section 7. Farm Members**

Farm membership is open to any farm. Payment of dues as determined pursuant to Article I, Sec. 12 of these By-Laws shall entitle the farm to designate one individual (and one alternate) to serve as a voting member of the Council.

## **Section 8. Individual Members**

Individual membership is open to any individual of legal voting age. Payment of dues as determined pursuant to Article I, Sec. 12 of these By-Laws shall entitle the individual to serve as a voting member of the Council.

## **Section 9. Advisory Members**

Any private entity, corporation, or state, county or municipal agency, department, service or office that wishes to support the Maryland equestrian industry, upon payment of a one time fee of \$1,000, shall be entitled to designate one or more individuals to serve in an advisory (non-voting) capacity to the Council.