



## **NRHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Leads by example and is representative of the association's membership and the sport at all times.
- Seeks and respects the opinions of other Board members, and at all times open minded, recognizing that expression of opposing viewpoints is often healthy to ultimate board decisions.
- Is respectful of NRHA staff and understands the organizational chart and chain of command.
- Looks for sound and innovative solutions on behalf of the organization.
- Works to develop consensus.
- Represents the best interests of the membership in Board deliberations.
- Believes in being respectful, responsible, fair, honest and ethical in their actions.
- Provides oversight on NRHA's future direction through effective organizational planning including a strategic plan.
  - Ensures the organization has adequate resources to carry out the strategic plan and to meet the goals of the strategic plan.
  - Supports the Commissioner in carrying out the strategic plan.
  - Regularly reviews the organization's mission and vision for alignment with NRHA programs and services.
- Prepares for and actively participates in Board meetings and the governance of the association through formulation, review and execution oversight of the business decisions guiding the overall direction of NRHA. (4-6 meetings annually. Online options available.)
  - Reviews meeting agendas and materials in advance.
  - Reviews and approves finance reports, budgets and business decisions to meet the organization's need and ensure fiduciary responsibilities are met.
  - Ensures NRHA complies with legal requirements.
  - Maintains confidentiality of any sensitive information acquired during service.
  - Discloses potential or real conflicts of interest for Board consideration and determination. Avoids business or personal situations that have a potential conflict of interest with their responsibilities to NRHA.
  - Maintains the duties of care, loyalty and obedience as a director of the organization.
- Knows NRHA's programs, activities, and needs.
- Understands and follows NRHA bylaws, rules, regulations and policies and Code of Ethics.
- Understands and supports NRHA's position on tail alteration, training, and medications and our commitment to animal welfare.
- Keeps up with horse industry and reining industry trends and issues that could impact NRHA.
- Identifies and recruits new members, leaders, and sponsors to strengthen the association.
- Is available to answer questions, concerns or gather feedback when members directly contact them and report back to the board. If they are unable to assist them directly, they help put them in touch with someone who can.
- Regularly stay in touch with the NRHA Office and respond to requests within a timely manner.