

## SHCAC Mission

The mission of the State Horse Council Advisory Committee is to advise the American Horse Council (AHC) on state and local issues, to involve state horse councils in AHC activities, and to provide national leadership and a forum to network for state horse councils.

## SHCAC Vision

The vision of the State Horse Council Advisory Committee is to provide national leadership for a unified coalition of state horse councils and make a positive impact on the American Horse Council and the equine industry.

## SHCAC Fundamental Objectives

- Obtain commitment and involvement of all state horse councils in SHCAC activities.
- Identify and address major current and potential problems and opportunities confronting the horse industry.
- Promote the value of the SHCAC and the AHC to state horse councils.
- Obtain financial and human resources to support SHCAC projects.
- Facilitate the exchange of information between and among state horse councils, AHC, SHCAC and the horse industry.

## The American Horse Council

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Advisory Committee

# State Horse Councils



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## A Committee of the American Horse Council

### **Who are we?**

The State Horse Council Advisory Committee (SHCAC) is a standing committee of the American Horse Council (AHC).

### **Who is the AHC and what do they do?**

The AHC is the national legislative representative for the horse industry. The mission of the AHC is to promote and protect the equine industry by representing its interests in Congress and in federal regulatory agencies on national issues of importance.

### **What do we do?**

- The SHCAC promotes all facets of the horse industry by providing national leadership for state horse councils and a forum to network.
- The SHCAC influences legislation and policy through state horse councils at the grassroots level by providing access to all segments of the industry including sport, race, and pleasure horse enthusiasts and their support industries.
- The SHCAC facilitates the exchange of information between the AHC, state horse councils, and the industry they serve.

### **What are state horse councils and what do they do?**

State horse councils are nonprofit organizations representing the horse industry within a state. They support and promote the horse and horse related activities through education and grass roots lobbying on a state and local level.

### **Who do we represent?**

The SHCAC represents all breeds and riding disciplines including racing, showing and recreation. The recreational segment of the horse industry is more thoroughly represented in the SHCAC than in any other national organization. This fastest growing segment currently comprises over 60% of the more than 7.1 million people involved in the industry.

### **How are we organized?**

The SHCAC reports to the AHC Government Affairs Advisory Committee. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the SHCAC are appointed by the AHC. There are six sub-committees in the SHCAC the chairs of which are appointed by the Chair of the SHCAC.

### **Who are our members?**

All state horse councils are members of the SHCAC. Each state council is entitled to two delegates to the SHCAC. The delegates are nominated by each state council and confirmed by the AHC.

### **What are our goals?**

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### **What are our strengths?**

- Effective influence of legislation and government policy at the grassroots level
- Direct access to active leaders in the horse industry
- Members are knowledgeable of the horse industry, its problems and opportunities
- Excellent national networking capabilities
- Presenting a continuous opportunity for new members and new ideas
- Close working relationship with the leadership of the American Horse Council
- Committed to be one of the most effective and respected groups in the horse industry due to our representation of the total industry
- Diverse membership.

### **How often and where do we meet?**

The SHCAC meets twice annually—in the spring during the AHC Annual Meeting in Washington, DC and in the fall in a host state. All SHCAC meetings are open.

### **Do we need your participation and support?**

YES! Join the state horse council in your state and get involved. State horse council links can be found on our web site, [www.statehorsecouncils.org](http://www.statehorsecouncils.org) or contact us at: American Horse Council  
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