

Horsemanship International

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# PATH International Equine Services for Heroes Committee Charter

## **Committee Purpose**

The PATH International Equine Services for Heroes Committee is charged with developing, expanding and enhancing the PATH International Equine Services for Heroes programs across the country by

- Promoting the idea of serving veterans in EAAT programs
- Educating programs about serving veterans.
- Helping centers recruit & maintain veteran population, train volunteers, support instructors.
- Educating the public
- Promoting ES4H in veterans' groups.
- Assisting with developing criteria for veterans grants, judge veterans' scholarship applicants, develop evaluation metrics specific to ES4H

### **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.

The committee and task force chairs collaborate with the staff liaison in organizing an agenda for each meeting. Moving the progress of the committee forward and ensuring agenda items address the work at hand is the chair's responsibility to ensure the committee is working on the correct tasks and accomplishing goals in a timely manner.

Because of the size and informal atmosphere of PATH Intl. volunteer work, committees usually do not use formal parliamentary procedure. Attention is focused on the job rather than rules. Although rules of parliamentary procedure are dispensed with, members should still adhere to the intent of the rules. Decision making 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.

If a committee has the authority to make formal decisions on behalf of the association (e.g., Accreditation Subcommittee, Certification Oversight committee, Programs & Standards



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Oversight and Health and Education advisory) and for all other work requiring parliamentary procedures, the association relies on Roberts Rules of Order.

## **Committee Makeup**

- Current individual member of PATH Intl.
- Able to attend meetings/conference calls on a regular basis
- Shows active involvement in their field

### **Term Limits**

Unless otherwise specified all committee members serve a one-year term and can be asked to serve up to four one-year terms. The chair of the committee or task force is responsible for identifying and recruiting members, with the input of the staff liaison, during his/her tenure as chair.

Program committee and task force chairs are appointed by the president of the PATH Intl. Board of Trustees based on recommendations from outgoing chairs and staff.

The committee chair serves a one-year term and may be asked to serve an additional one-year term. Committee chairs may have already served four one-year terms on the committee and then serve an additional one or two years as chair. Total service on a committee (combining committee membership and chair responsibilities) does not exceed six years on any one committee.

### **Staff Liaison**

PATH Intl. Programs Representative – Danielle Crooks