



Deadline: November 1

**“NOMINATING BALLOT”
2026 SSHBEA Officers & Board of Directors**

Officer Positions: One (1) Term

President * First Vice President * Second Vice President * Secretary * Treasurer

Board of Directors:

Three (3) Year Term / 5 seats for Board of Directors

One (1) Year Term / 1 seat for Board of Director

Nominating Criteria

To qualify for an Officer or Board of Director, you must be a dues paying member of the Association in good standing for *three (3) consecutive years. Consecutive is defined as following in an uninterrupted succession. If a membership has lapsed during the 3-year period, this makes the member ineligible. Article VI Section 5 of the SSHBEA Corporate By-Laws reads: In the By-Laws, the term MEMBER or MEMBERS shall mean a SSHBEA member in good standing, 18 years of age & over, owner of a SSHBEA registered horse, with voting privileges.

*Three (3) consecutive years prior to the year of the election (Example: 2026 candidates must have been a member for 2023, 2024, and 2025).

Members in good standing, who are willing to serve on the SSHBEA Board of Directors or as a SSHBEA Officer, shall notify the SSHBEA Office in writing of their desire to serve prior to **November 1st** of each year. Only eligible persons who have declared their interest and/or willingness to serve as a Director or Officer will be listed on the official ballot however, there will be a space on the ballot to add an additional, previously undeclared candidate. Such candidates will be accepted and tabulated, provided all other eligibility requirements are met. Only official ballots will be tabulated.

Voting Procedures

Elections may be conducted by a CPA or a neutral, qualified third party vendor. The official ballot packet will be mailed or made available electronically to each eligible SSHBEA member on or before **November 30th** annually, with the election running a minimum of two weeks from the date made available. The packet shall include voter instructions and a list of all eligible candidates who have expressed a willingness to serve on the SSHBEA Board as either an Officer or Director and who have met all eligibility requirements set forth herein.

Please indicate below by marking an “X” in the position(s) you wish to be nominated for:

President () 1st Vice President () 2nd Vice President () Secretary () Treasurer ()
Board of Director ()

Signature Of Member: _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Member: _____

****This nominating ballot must be in the SSHBEA Office no later than November 1.

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On a separate sheet of paper, please include a brief summary of 300 words or less, which must be typed detailing to the SSHBEA membership why you feel you should hold the position you are being nominated for. This information must be in the SSHBEA Office no later than November 1.