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News Release

Individuals invited to serve on Program Advisory Groups

Toronto, ON – Are you a person committed to the horse racing industry and interested in having input on decisions related to the industry breed programs, such as the Ontario Sires Stakes, the Ontario Resident Mare Program, and the Quarter Horse Program, to name a few?

The Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) is seeking individuals who can bring knowledge, connections and ideas to the table. Each of the three Advisory Groups provides input and advice on Program elements – Thoroughbred Improvement Program, Standardbred Improvement Program and the Quarter Horse Program. The terms of the current “Members-At-Large” have ended, and openings are available.

Members-At-Large sit beside the representatives of industry organizations, such as the breeder associations, horsepeople associations and racetracks, and working together, take part in the planning process for the current and future years of the Program.

The work of the Advisory Groups is supported by the Program staff who guide the process, develop each financial plan and submit the plan to the Board of the ORC for approval.

Specifically, the ORC is looking for individuals interested in participating in the following groups:

- **STANDARD BRED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SIP)**
Ontario Sires Stakes, Ontario Resident Mare Program, Ontario Bred and Ontario Sired Rewards
SIP Advisory Group
Needed: Industry Members-At-Large
- **THOROUGHBRED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**
Ontario Bred Purse Bonus, Ontario Resident Mare Program, Stakes support, Breeders Awards, Stallion Awards
TIP Advisory Group
Needed: Industry Members-At-Large
- **QUARTER HORSE RACING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (QHRIDP)**
Ontario Sired and Ontario Bred Purse Bonus and Awards, Stakes Program, Industry Development Budget – Benefits, Insurance, and Post Racing Program
QHP Advisory Group
Needed: Industry Members-At-Large

"The ORC is committed to supporting programs that serve the needs of industry stakeholders, and this can best be done by having active stakeholder involvement in the planning and development of the different Program components," said Wendy Hoogeveen, ORC Director of Industry Development and Support.

A general outline of the responsibilities of the respective Groups together with the types of experience or knowledge base that would assist the Group is listed below. Individuals with an interest in serving on one or more of the Groups are asked to send their personal profiles to the ORC by **October 3, 2013**. Please include a resume outlining your affiliations, experience with similar initiatives and a general profile of your role(s) within the industry.

Individual applicants will be considered based on their expertise in various different sectors of the industry, their applied knowledge, industry achievements and experience in Program development.

"While each of these Programs looks at the specific needs of different breed-racing groups, we have found that industry knowledge can, and does, cross over between the different breeds," says Hoogeveen. "I would encourage stakeholders to consider their possible contribution to a Program in any of the three breeds - Thoroughbred, Standardbred or Quarter Horse. The cross-pollination of ideas within the industry often brings a fresh view to the table, and helps build better Programs for all sectors."

Applicants are asked to send a profile to the Ontario Racing Commission by **October 3, 2013**, as follows:

By Fax: (416) 213-7827
Attention: Program Industry Advisory Groups

By Email: inquiry@ontarioracingcommission.ca

Contact: Sandy Anthony
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Description of Groups and Requirements for New Members

The terms of the current Industry Members-At-Large are complete and the Program Administrator is seeking nominations for the next term. Individuals will be selected based on a number of factors, including:

- Broad industry experience on multi levels
- Credibility within the industry
- Influence and recognition in the industry
- Outside expertise useful to the process
- Suitability in the final make-up of the Advisory Group.

Standardbred Improvement Program (SIP) Advisory Group

The *SIP Advisory Group* is tasked with reviewing Program performance on an annual basis and providing input and advice to the Program Administrator on revisions or changes to Program elements to meet the goals and objectives of the Program. Information on the Standardbred Improvement Program is available from the ORC website at:

<http://www.ontarioracingcommission.ca/industry.aspx?id=583>

The *SIP Advisory Group* is composed of representatives from the Standardbred Breeding sector (SBOA), horsepeople's associations (OHHA, COSA, NCRHHA, NHA), Standardbred Canada, racetrack operators and Industry Members-At-Large. Generally, meetings are held two to four times per year.

Thoroughbred Improvement Program (TIP) Advisory Group

The *TIP Advisory Group* is tasked with reviewing Program performance on an annual basis and providing input and advice to the Program Administrator on revisions or changes to Program elements to meet the goals and objectives of the Program. Information on the Thoroughbred Improvement Program is available from the ORC website at:

<http://www.ontarioracingcommission.ca/industry.aspx?id=584>

The *TIP Advisory Group* is composed of representatives from CTHS (Ontario Division), HBPA, racetrack operators and Industry Members-At-Large. Generally, meetings are held two to four times per year.

Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program (QHRIDP) Advisory Group

The *Quarter Horse Program Advisory Group* is tasked with reviewing Program performance on an annual basis and providing input and advice to the Program Administrator on revisions or changes to Program elements to meet the goals and objectives of the Program. Information on the Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program is available from the ORC website at:

<http://www.ontarioracingcommission.ca/industry.aspx?id=382>

The *Quarter Horse Program Advisory Group* is composed of representatives from QROOI, the racetrack operator, AQHA Ontario Division and Industry Members-At-Large. Generally, meetings are held two to three times per year.