

USHWA Membership Application

Clyde Hirt Sports Media Workshop



Name: _____

Prof. Affiliation: _____

Chapter I'd like to join: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail 1: _____

E-Mail 2 (optional): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Is there anybody YOU would recommend becoming an USHWA member?

Send application and \$60 (U.S.) yearly dues to:

USHWA Secretary
Box 1314
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



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The United States Harness Writers Association

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What is USHWA?

The United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA) was founded in 1947, by a dozen New York City print reporters, but the organization is now international; further, it embraces all forms of communications, traditional and cutting-edge: members work in e-media, print, photography, promotional, and broadcasting occupations, both inside (including track employees) and outside the industry.

USHWA has the annual honor of selecting candidates for industry awards:

- Hall Of Fame – The highest honor in harness racing is to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for outstanding longterm achievement in the sport; for journalists, there is a Communicators Hall Of Fame.
- Dan Patch Awards – Annually honoring the best and the brightest of harness racing's equines and humans
- Media Awards – Recognition for outstanding writing (the John Hervey Awards), video (the Broadcasters Awards), and photography (the Smallsreed Awards).



Photo by Dave Witten

Why should I join USHWA?

- You get to meet and network with your fellow professionals communicating the stories of the sport of harness racing. Most major racing areas have "Chapters," whose membership follows both the local and national/international scene.
- Being a member of harness racing's premier media organization immediately gives you credibility as a journalist, a member of an organization that is a large part of the sport.
- You will qualify for the right to honor the sport's best, in the voting for the Hall of Famers and for the leaders of the past season via the Dan Patch Awards.
- Members can contribute to the USHWA website, and members and their work are now being profiled on the site.
- Help shape the present and future direction and leadership of the sport, certainly from the communications side, through running for USHWA offices and serving on committees.

How do I become a member?

If you are involved with telling the story of harness racing through a recognized media distributor or organization, you should join USHWA! There is an application form directly on the page directly behind the one you are reading.

Send your application to the address at the bottom of the form. Many of you will be aware if there is a "chapter" of USHWA in your area; members who do not live proximate to a chapter are "At-Large" members, with the attendant rights of any USHWA member. After your application is received, it will be processed through the National Office, and then sent to the Chapters if a member lives nearby.

Where is my local chapter?

As noted earlier in the brochure, USHWA has been a national organization since 1947. Through the years, chapters have been formed around major racing centers, giving members more opportunities for contact, and for presenting regional/track awards of their devising.

At-Large
Canadian (2013)
Delaware Valley (1963)
Florida (1964)
Kentucky (1977)
Keystone (2006)
Mid-Atlantic (1995)
Monticello-Goshen (1959)
New England (1961)
New Jersey (1987)
New York City (1953)
Ohio (1956)
Upstate New York (2008)