



2007 TOC Board Election Process Begins

Although TOC members won't receive ballots and candidates' statements for the 2007 Board election until next May, the annual nomination process begins each Fall of the preceding year.

Four owner-category seats will be open in 2007, all for three-year terms. Three owner/trainer seats will be up for election as well, with the highest vote getter serving a three-year term, the next highest vote getter a two-year term, and the final successful candidate earning a one-year term. These initial varying term lengths are necessary to implement staggered Board terms for owner/trainer representatives, as is done for owner representatives. Thereafter, successful owner/trainer candidates will serve three-year terms.

Members can qualify for the ballot by either of two methods – nomination by TOC's Executive Committee or nomination by petition.

To Qualify by Executive Committee Nomination:

Each year, TOC's Executive Committee considers and nominates candidates for Board positions prior to January 1 of the coming year. Those named could include current board members and/or others who have expressed an interest in serving. **This year, owners interested and willing to serve on the Board should notify the Executive Committee, submit a biographical statement and confirmation of eligibility, and an account of the reasons you seek to serve as a TOC Board member by no later than December 1, 2006.** If sent by mail, these materials should be addressed to the TOC Nominating Committee, care of TOC at 285 W. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91007, **and must be post-marked by the December 1, 2006 deadline.**

Those expressing interest will be informed of the Nominating Committee's decision by January 10, 2007, and announcement of the nominees will be made soon thereafter.

To Qualify by Petition:

To run for the board through the Petition Process, qualified candidates must obtain 50 signatures from TOC owner or owner/trainer category members – depending on the representative seat sought – supporting the candidate's nomination. To obtain a petition, the candidate must contact TOC's Santa Anita office at (626) 574-6620. **The deadline for filing a petition is March 1, 2007.**

Candidate Requirements / Board Responsibilities:

TOC bylaws require board candidates to hold a current California Horse Racing Board owner's license, own at least

25% of a Thoroughbred racehorse, and have started a horse or horses a minimum of six times in California during the 12 months preceding January 1, 2007. Expected revisions to the bylaws will also impose geographical requirements on those serving as Northern California director representatives, as well as clarification of the "Good Standing" requirement.

TOC Board membership duties involve attendance at monthly board and committee meetings, as well as periodic attendance at CHRB and/or other industry events. Board members receive no compensation for their service, though reimbursements are made for necessary travel and lodging expenses.

The Election Process:

April 1, 2007 is the deadline for receipt of a candidate's statement if it is to be included on the ballot submitted to TOC members. Details regarding these statements will be provided to those who qualify to run.

Ballots and candidate statements will be mailed to all TOC members on or before May 15. To be counted, the returned ballots must be postmarked no later than June 15. An independent auditor performs the vote count, which will be completed by June 20, with election results known and reported by June 21.

TOC's board members serve three-year terms, which are staggered such that five seats are up for election each year, excepting this year when a total of seven will be contested, due to a change in the bylaws. Open seats in 2007 will be those currently occupied by owner representatives Donna Arnold, Tom Bachman, Alan Landsburg, and Marsha Naify, and owner/trainer representatives Barry Abrams, David Hofmans, and Phil Oviedo. The four owner representative and three owner/trainer representative nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected and will take office on July 1, 2007.

TOC bylaws require that at least three owner and one owner/trainer representative board members be from Northern California. Thus, if in an election it is necessary for one or more of those elected to be from Northern California, then the Northern California candidate(s) receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected, regardless of whether the candidate(s) was in the top four vote getters in the owner representative category or the top three vote getters in the owner-trainer representative category. In 2007, two Northern Californians currently serving on the board have a term expiring June 30. Accordingly, this rule may be invoked.