

TOC Committees: Working for You

Executive Committee



Alan Landsburg, Chair

Mace Siegel, Vice President
Tom Bachman, Vice Chair / No. Calif.
Marsha Naify, Vice Chair / So. Calif.
Martin Bach, Treasurer
Madeline Auerbach, Secretary

Mission: The Executive Committee meets weekly by telephone, and monthly in person. This Committee provides, as required, immediate strategic and issue-related guidance to management. It also serves as TOC's ad hoc Nomination/Search Committee, which identifies and interviews Board member candidates to be nominated and approved by the full TOC Board. The Committee also solicits input regarding various issues and potential candidates from existing and past and present TOC board members, as well as from the membership at large.

"The playing field for racing is as wide as it is diverse. Legislative affairs, CHRB proceedings, racing purses, stewards penalties, ADW fee structures, workmen's comp rates, track conditions, replacement of tracks threatened by closing, and liaison with horsemen's organizations, are among the 20 or more topics regularly monitored by the Executive Committee. The committee reports highlights to the entire Board at its monthly meeting."

— Alan Landsburg, Chair

Legislative and Government Affairs Committee



Don Valpredo, Chair

Alan Landsburg, Vice Chair
Jess Jackson
Tom Bachman

Mission: This committee is primarily responsible for setting of legislative priorities and strategies for TOC, as well as the identification of and communication with lobbyists. It coordinates Board-approved legislative objectives with TOC staff and legislative consultants, and seeks to develop working and educational relationships with key legislators and their staff. It also works to increase the visibility of California Thoroughbred horse owners and their contribution to the State economy, along with the breeding and racetrack segments.

"I am proud to be working with my fellow TOC board members on this committee, and with the California Legislature, to develop initiatives that will help to shape the future long-term vitality of California horse racing."

— Donald Valpredo, Chair

Racing Affairs Committee



Mace Siegel, Chair



Tom Bachman, Chair

Northern California Subcommittee

Madeline Auerbach
Dave Hofmans
Marsha Naify
Phil Oviedo
Don Valpredo

Martin Bach
Jess Jackson
Phil Oviedo
Greg Gilchrist
Ed Moger
Larry Ullman

Mission: These committees are primarily responsible for the review and approval of each Thoroughbred race meet's stakes and overnight purse schedules, and most Race Meet Agreement-related issues. They also are deeply involved in the crafting of long-term ADW and simulcast strategies, racing date allocations, horse inventory matters, individual race conditions, and development and administration of incentive programs.

"The Racing Affairs Committee represents owners' interests in seeing that its purse money is spent in accordance with owners' wishes by the racing secretaries and track representatives in formulating the condition book. It represents owners in dealing with ADW companies to insure proper compensation for owners from revenues generated by ADW."

— Mace Siegel, Chair

Medication & Integrity Committee



Marsha Naify, Chair

David Hofmans
Billy Koch
Harry Pellman

Mission: This committee focuses on issues impacting directly and indirectly the health and well-being of the horse, the safety of the rider, and the integrity and security of California Thoroughbred racing. It works closely with the CHRB and RMTTC to develop and maintain scientifically-based and judicious medication policies, guidelines, and penalties. The Medication Committee continues to find ways to help owners learn more about medication issues and horse safety and welfare.

"The health and welfare of our horses has to come first; from there, everything flows and the fun and sport of racing can continue to shine through. Horses enrich our lives, and they deserve the best care possible."

- Marsha Naify, Chair

Owner Relations Committee



Billy Koch, Chair

Alan Landsburg
Donna Arnold
Madeline Auerbach
B. Wayne Hughes
Jess Jackson
Marsha Naify
Mace Siegel

Mission: In other businesses, one might refer to some of the Committee's efforts to be directed at "networking," however, overall its objective is to foster new and maintain existing relationships within the industry, and among horsemen and track ownership/management. The intent of these efforts is to develop long-term strategic and tactical relationships, and to expand revenue/simulcast opportunities into new markets throughout the world.

"So often, especially around the racetrack, people ask, 'What does the TOC do?' Owner Relations is a committee working on specific and creative items that directly impact owners. It's all about generating new ideas, and having our membership participate in those programs."

- Billy Koch, Chair

Finance Committee



Martin Bach, Chair

Donna Arnold, Vice Chair
Marsha Naify

Mission: This committee prepares and manages TOC's annual budget and financial affairs, and oversees its insurance coverages, all subject to Board consent and approval. The Committee has ongoing oversight of TOC's cash flow and expenditures on the Board's behalf. It reviews and, where necessary, revises TOC investment policies and compensation and benefit matters.

"I view the Finance Committee as the checks and balance of the TOC. We oversee, recommend, and make suggestions for the TOC to run as efficiently as possible. We also oversee and approve the charitable giving for deserving causes helping the Thoroughbred industry."

- Martin Bach, Chair