

USTA Board of Directors Annual Meeting starts Sunday

from the USTA Communications Department

Columbus, OH --- The U.S. Trotting Association's 2017 Board of Directors Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday (Feb. 26) through Tuesday (Feb. 28) at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

The meetings kick off with the Executive Committee at 1 p.m. (PST) followed by the Marketing/Communications Committee at 2 p.m. on Sunday (Feb. 26).

Sunday (Feb. 26) evening, the U.S. Harness Writers Association will host the Dan Patch Awards, presented by Hoosier Park, at Planet Hollywood.

On Monday (Feb. 27), there will be a live stream of the Board of Director's General Session followed by two panel discussions starting at 8 a.m. To watch the live stream of the General Session, click on the banner near the top of the USTA website home page at www.ustrotting.com.

The Registration Committee will meet in the afternoon.

Highlighting this year's General Session agenda is [the election of five USTA officers](#) -- president, chairman and vice-chairman of the board, treasurer and secretary. The panels, co-hosted by Harness Horsemen International and the USTA, will discuss out of competition testing and uniformity in racing.

Following is the agenda for Monday's (Feb. 27) General Session:

8:00 a.m. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. District 8 Track Director Election Protest
5. Introduction of New Directors
6. Report of the President
7. Candidates' Statements
8. Election of Officers
9. Meadowlands Survey Request
10. Guest Speakers
 - Dan Gall, President/CEO, Standardbred Canada
 - Tom Luchento, President, Harness Horseman Int.
 - Ed Martin, President, Racing Commissioners Int.
 - Julie Broadway CAE, President, American Horse Council
11. Group Picture

11:00 a.m. JOINT USTA/HHI PANEL DISCUSSION

Out of Competition Testing
Uniformity in Racing (Medication/Testing/Withdrawal Times, Licensing/Fingerprinting)

Panelists:

- Dionne M. Benson, DVM, Executive Director, Racing Medication and Testing Consortium
- Clara Fenger, DVM, PhD, DACVIM
- Alan Foreman, Esq., Chairman/CEO, Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association

- Ed Martin, President, Racing Commissioners Int.
Moderator – Sal DiMario, Executive Director, Delaware SOA, Vice President, HHI

On Tuesday (Feb. 28), the Racing Committees (Driver/Trainer, Fairs, Pari-Mutuel and Regulatory) will conduct a joint meeting at 9 a.m. followed by the Finance Committee at 11 a.m.

After the annual USTA Recognition and President's Awards Luncheon, the Rules Committee will meet at 2 p.m.

The 2017 Annual Meeting will conclude with a second General Session scheduled for 3:30 p.m. that will feature an address from the new USTA president, remarks from Executive Vice President Mike Tanner, proclamations and recognition of former USTA directors and committee reports.

(Schedule subject to change)