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Newsletter

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Congress 2019

The 2019 Judges, members and Enthusiasts Congress is open to all AHSA licensed judges as well as AHSA members and Arabian horse enthusiasts.

Date: 6th and 7th July 2019

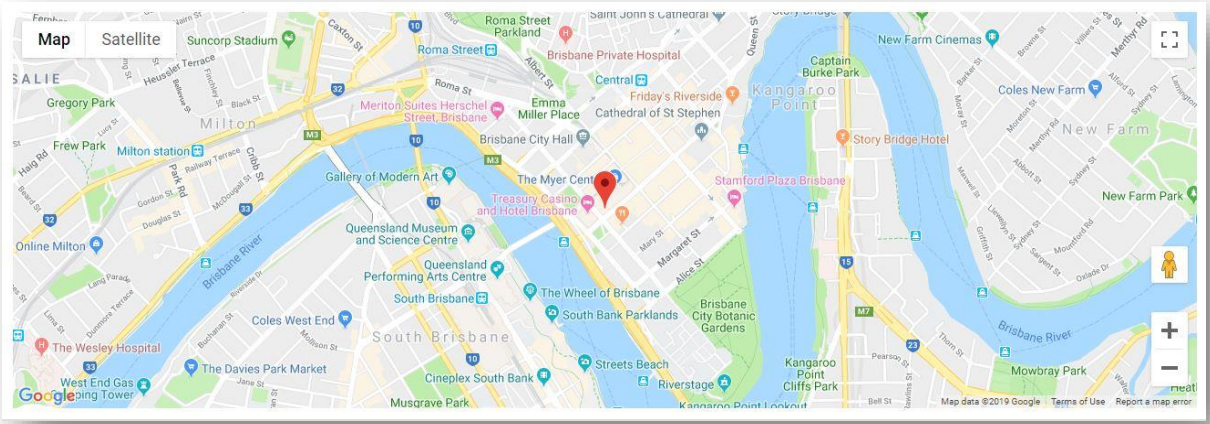
Venue: Ibis Styles, 40 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.

Speakers: Cindy Reich, USA and Tor Van Den Berg

Costs: $160 pp for both days. ($110 for Saturday only) includes, m/t, lunch and a/t.

Accommodation: Ibis Styles, please note the attached flyer and contact the hotel for the discounted rate noted. This accommodation can be booked anytime from now.

Join us in Brisbane in July for an informative and social weekend featuring enlightening presentations by equine experts from around the world.



There will be a delightful "river cruise" offered for Saturday night entertainment and the "landlubbers" will be well catered for with a wealth of dining opportunities in the inner-city area. The indicative cost of the cruise is $99 per person which includes your meal, entertainment and cruise. Drink tokens can be purchased, a 6-token pack for $45 and a 10-token pack for $70. (1 Token = 1 drink, 2 Tokens = 1 cocktails.). We will advise when bookings can be made.

Licencing & Judges Contract

A decision has been made to bring Licence fees and Judges Contracts due on the 1st of July each year in line with the congress and to alleviate the extra time and cost at the busy Christmas/New Year period. New contracts will be sent out to judges in June, to be returned with the applicable licence fee.

All Arabian judges must hold a current judge's licence with the Guild to remain active on the AHSA list of panel judges. Once licensed, the Guild Council notify the AHSA Board with the recommendation that the qualified Judge (s) be appointed to the AHSA judges' list.

Licensing fee Schedule due and payable 1 July 2019

Level Judge	Fee Payable	Time Cycle
Level One	$10.00	Annually
Level Two	$20.00	Bi-annually
National Panel	$30.00	Once every 3 Year
International B	$45.00	Once every 3 years
International A	$60.00	Once every 3 years

Guild Working Committee/Delegates

Greg Liddle (Chairman of the Board) was the elected NSW Delegate. As Chairman, Greg becomes an ex-officio Council member which left a vacant NSW Delegate position. The Guild Council is pleased to advise that Cathy Padgen has agreed to fill the position and will work with Tessa Peacock to assist the Guild. Cathy will hold the position until 2020 when the Congress is in NSW, which is the scheduled time the working delegate position would be declared vacant and an election held.

The Guild has also recognised that a Delegate needs to have organisation skills and passion to learn and assist others to get approved training and information. Therefore, the Guild have amended the requirement for a delegate and opened it up to a judge of any level.

The Judges Guild are calling for nominations for the position of Queensland Working/Delegate at the 2019 Brisbane Congress.

Nominees MUST be in attendance at the Congress, must hold a current guild judge's license and an official guild nomination form must be completed.

ELECTION OF THE GUILD WORKING COMMITTEE | DELEGATES

1. The Guild Working Committee will be comprised of five (5) elected committee members, hereafter collectively referred to as 'Delegates'.

a. The Delegates will be elected to positions representing the regions of:

• One (1) from New South Wales (NSW)/Australian Capital Territory (ACT)
• One (1) from Queensland (QLD)
• One (1) from Victoria (VIC)/Tasmania (TAS)
• One (1) from Western Australian (WA)/South Australia (SA)
• The fifth 'At-Large' Delegate will be elected from the region that has the highest number of Guild Licensed Judges at the time of the election, as determined by the Guild at the time of the release of voting forms, not exceeding three (3) months prior to the annual JME Congress. Election of this Delegate will be allocated to the Nominee receiving the second highest number of votes from amongst the eligible candidates within the given region.

b. Delegates will be elected from within the ranks of Guild Judges who hold an active Guild License.

c. The nominated Judge must reside in the region for which they are being nominated to represent.

d. The Working Committee Election will occur annually at the JME Congress for the working Delegate in the state which holds the Congress in that year.

i. The Congress is scheduled to rotate on a three-year cycle, beginning with NSW, followed by VIC, and ending with QLD.

ii. The Guild may decide, by a ballot at the annual JME Congress, to host a future Congress in a region that is associated with the host state, i.e. TAS/VIC or ACT/NSW, or may choose to host the VIC rotational year in the SA/WA Region.

e. The election will be determined by ballot as prescribed and conducted by the Guild.

f. The elected candidate from each region will hold office for a term of three (3) years from the time elected until the next following JME Congress held in their representative region.

g. The region of WA/SA will be elected in conjunction with the VIC-hosted Congress.

h. The inaugural election will take place at the JME Congress in Melbourne:

i. To allow for a staggered term of office, the initial five (5) positions as elected at 2018 JME Congress will hold office for the following initial terms:

• VIC/TAS Delegate will hold office for a three (3) year term
• WA/SA Delegate will hold office for a three (3) year term
• NSW Delegate will hold office for a two (2) year term
• QLD Delegate will hold office for a one (1) year term
• The fifth At-Large Delegate from NSW will hold office for a two (2) year term

i. A Guild Delegate may resign their position by posting a notice of their intention to resign to the registered office of the Guild, or lodging such notification at the said office. The resignation shall take effect upon the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date of posting such notice, or the date on which the notice is lodged at the registered office of the Guild, or upon its earlier acceptance by the Council.

ELECTION PROCESS

1. ONLY active, licensed Guild Judges, which are financial members of the AHSA, are permitted to vote.

2. Nominated candidates MUST BE in attendance at the JME Congress.

a. Nominated candidates must hold the appropriate current Guild Judges License.

b. Nomination for elections to the Working Committee will be via the official Guild nomination form.

3. All nomination forms must be correctly filled out and signed by the Nominator and the Nominee.

4. All nominations forms must be submitted before, or by the close of, morning teatime on the Saturday of the JME Congress and must be lodged at the JME Congress meeting room with the Guild Secretary.

5. The names of the nominated candidates will be announced before the commencement of lunch, allowing judges the opportunity to converse with the candidates over the lunch break.

6. All candidates will have a chance to address the room for five (5) minutes each at the close of the seminar on Saturday afternoon.

7. All Ballot voting forms must be lodged by 6:30 PM on the Saturday evening of the JME Congress with the Guild Secretary for counting.

8. All judges in attendance at the JME Congress may be present for the counting of the votes.

9. If the nominations of candidates from any Region equal the number of positions for Delegate/s allotted to that region, then those candidates shall be deemed affirmed without opposition and shall not be included on the ballot.

10. If there is no nomination for a particular region after the close of nominations, as per Article II.1, the Council shall have the right to invite someone to fill that position.

11. Proxy votes will be permitted; however, they must be signed by the Judge giving the Proxy and accompany the voting ballot paper at the time of voting.

12. Positions will be declared after the vote count. Elected Delegates will be announced on Sunday morning prior to the commencement of the JME Congress seminars.

DELEGATE VACANCY | REMOVAL OF A WORKING COMMITTEE DELEGATE

The office of a member of the Delegates shall be vacated, if:

1. the Delegate resign from office by notice in writing to the Guild.

2. the Delegate ceases to be a member of the AHSA, be suspended or excluded for any period from AHSA membership, ceases to be a licensed Guild Judge, or be suspended for any period from holding a Judges' License with the Guild.

3. the Delegate be absent from two consecutive Congress/Council meetings without applying for leave of absence in writing.

4. at a meeting of the Council specially convened for that purpose, at which all members of the Council and the AHSA Chairperson are present, a resolution is passed by a unanimous vote from those present declaring the office of said Delegate vacated.

5. the Delegate become bankrupt or make any arrangement or composition with his/her creditors generally.

6. the Delegate becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health.

7. If the Delegate is removed from office through probable cause by the Board of the AHSA, whereby at a meeting of the Guild Council and AHSA Board specially convened for that purpose, at which not less than three (3) members of the Council and eight (8) members of the Board are present, a resolution be passed by a majority of not less

than three-fourths of those present and voting declaring the office of said Delegate be vacated.
8. Should the delegate position become vacant before the natural term of the position the Council, subject to Article II.1, may fill that position by invitation, whereby the invited position will be held for the remainder of the natural term still in effect for the position from the representative region.

Soliciting

Judges are reminded that they sign their Judge's Contract and agree to uphold all the requirements noted. One of the issues the Guild has become aware of and is growing more and more common is the Judge who actively or subconsciously solicits judging appointments. This is strictly against the rules of a judging licence, see the below clause.

o) *The Judge shall not advertise, solicit or canvass his/her judging services, broadcast or publicise their future judging appointments. Any judge found to be canvassing, advertising and/or soliciting his/her services or broadcasting or publicising their future appointments may be suspended from the AHSA Panel of Judges*.

Also, as part of that same rule, a judge MUST NOT broadcast future appointments, which is happening with increased frequency on social media. This, however, does not prevent you from thanking the committee, exhibitors etc. after the event.

Please take care that this does not affect your judging assignments as there has been an increase in this situation being notified to the Guild. If/when an official complaint is received there may be considerable consequences.

Annual Judges Return

Judges returns have also been bought into line with the Congress, Contract renewal and Licence fees to be lodged with theguild@ahsa.asn.au by the 1st July each year.

Even though a judge can log in and update details, at this point, it is still required that an annual return is completed and submitted to the Guild. A new updated return form is available on the website under the Judges Guild tab and dropdown list of Judges Information and Forms. This form provides a check box if you have updated your profile online. The process to update is an easy process and we encourage all judges to regularly update their profile. The Guild may consider a fee for judges who request their update to be entered by the Guild. This Return is now due by the 1st July 2019. Any judges who have already sent their return need not resend. If you have not attended to this form, please do so immediately. It is in your best interest to keep your profile current.

https://s3.amazonaws.com/static.ahsa.asn.au/files/attached_files/510/Judges_Return_and_Re-Accreditation_2018_v1.1.pdf

The Committee

The current (5) Guild Councillors are:

- Allan Preston - Chief Councillor
- Deb Watson - Treasurer
- Leonie Williamson – Secretary
- Annette Vickery - Councillor
- Selina Ahel - Councillor

  Leonie has now taken up her position on the Council as the 5th Councillor and Secretary as her position while AHSA chairperson has now ended.

  and also includes the current AHSA chairperson ex-officio

- Greg Liddle - AHSA Chairperson

The Guild is also comprised of a working committee, which includes five (5) elected delegates representing four (4) regions of Australia: NSW - VIC/TAS – QLD/NT - WA/SA

The current Guild Working Delegates are:

- NSW – Cathy Padgen - 0407 280 164 - cathy.padgen@bigpond.com -
- VIC/TAS - Kerry Rogers - 0435 920 638 - kerryrogersvn@gmail.com
- QLD - Kathy Saggers - 0413 054 182 – kathy@warrego.com.au
- WA/SA - Karen Fletcher-Grieve - 0435340137 - karenwoelms@hotmail.com
- Delegate At Large - Tessa Peacock - 0422816511 - fireboss@shoalhaven.net.au

All correspondence for matters pertaining to The Guild should be directed to theguild@ahsa.asn.au

AHSA Judge Introduction Day

The Guild NSW delegates are holding 2 introduction days, one in Canberra Saturday 18 May and another at the AHSA offices in Richmond on Saturday 1 June 2019. Generally speaking, these seminars will be along similar lines to the one held at Rocklea, Qld in January, answering prospective judges questions about obtaining a licence and where to start. However, it will be most informative if you happen to be in NSW at the time and wish to attend. Please contact Tessa Peacock on fireboss@shoalhaven.net.au for more details or to book.

Upgrading

All judges are encouraged to apply for upgrading at any time. No longer is there a necessity to wait until the August board meeting for this to happen. The Guild holds regular (monthly at this time) meetings at which upgrading is an agenda item. If you are unclear whether you have satisfied the next upgrade level, then please apply, and the upgrade process will identify if you are compliant or not. You will be advised of the necessary items to be completed at that time, or check the website at http://ahsa.asn.au/becoming-a-judge where it states the requirements for each level. If unsure, just apply for an upgrade, and you will be advised of the requirements yet to be fulfilled.

Mentoring/Trainee Judging

All judges are welcome to contact the Guild with regard to any mentoring/trainee/shadow judging they wish to attend. There are lots of opportunities to improve your skills with other judges and most committees welcome the judges into centre ring if contacted prior for permission.

This could be an ideal situation to improve your skills with the scoring system, your general ringcraft when judging, etc. If you have any queries, please contact anyone of the Guild who would be happy to assist.

Helpful Contacts

Judges Return
https://s3.amazonaws.com/static.ahsa.asn.au/files/attached_files/510/Judges_Return_and_Re-Accreditation_2018_v1.1.pdf

Judges Up-grade Form

https://s3.amazonaws.com/static.ahsa.asn.au/files/attached_files/508/Judge_Upgrade_Request_2018_v1.1.pdfquest

National Panel Judge Specialist Form

https://s3.amazonaws.com/static.ahsa.asn.au/files/attached_files/511/National_Panel_Specialist_Form_2018_v1.1.pdf