

The 2026 USPC January Board of Governors meeting was held at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Upcoming National Events

[2026 USPC Festival](#) – July 13-19 at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY.

General Comments

Comments from President Jennifer Sweet

In 2025, the USPC National Office Staff, with the support of Burcham Solutions, developed a Strategic Transformation plan designed to move USPC forward with three main goals identified: modernization, presence, and partnerships.

USPC core membership remains strong and engaged, even with an overall decline in membership. Programs and events continue to deliver strong educational and competitive value. Ongoing stakeholder feedback is shaping future improvements.

USPC remains financially stable through careful budgeting, diligent oversight, and responsible decision-making. USPC has maintained stability while continuing to support key initiatives.

Volunteers are essential from committee chairs and members to leadership at all levels of USPC, contributing countless hours in support of administration, education, events, and competition. Their service exemplifies the strength, generosity, and passion of our community.

President Sweet expressed her sincere gratitude to the Board of Governors, Advisory Committee Members, and the National Office Staff during her tenure as USPC President. As she concludes her term, she is confident in the future of USPC's growth, reputation, and continued evolution under new leadership.

Comments from Executive Director Teresa Woods

The primary focus for the last several months has been working with the National Office Staff to develop a clear project and action plan to advance the now Board-approved Transformation plan. At the May Board of Governors meeting, a preliminary report will be presented; at the October Board of Governors meeting, a draft of the modernization plan and preliminary budget will be presented.

Over the next several months, the National Office Staff will begin a comprehensive assessment of:

- Organizational modernization needs
- Regional operations and alignment

Opportunities for centralized, digitally supported systems for volunteer administration and membership processing

Workload prioritization to ensure staff capacity is aligned with strategic goals

USPC will be expanding its presence during the Defender Kentucky Three-Day Event, including sponsorship of the Kentucky Kids Club.

This past year, Pony Club lost one of its most devoted champions, Gegi Winslett. Gegi's service to USPC spanned decades and leadership roles—from the Board of Governors to First Vice President to Chair of the Advisory Committee—and countless contributions beyond titles or recognition. But more than the positions she held, Gegi embodied what Pony Club stands for: generosity, integrity, mentorship, and an unwavering commitment to doing what was best for young horsemen and women. Her impact lives on in the programs she shaped, the volunteers she guided, and the members whose lives were changed through her service.

Report from the Treasurer/Finance Committee

December 2025 Financial Highlights.

Overall – USPC is below budget in operating revenue and above budget in operating expenses as of December 2025. Net operating income is under budget year-to-date.

Balance Sheet – Cash balances are strong in December. Investment activity had a loss of \$18,146 in December.

Income Statement – Membership revenue is below budget, with expenses being well-controlled and under budget.

Report of VP of Instruction

Lendon Gray will present and teach a Master Clinic on Monday, July 13, and Doug Payne will present and teach a Master Clinic on Tuesday, July 14, during the Education portion of the 2026 USPC Festival.

Forty-two candidates tested for the H-A, which is a significant increase over prior years, with 29 candidates passing and 11 candidates eligible to take a retest.

Report of VP of Activities

The USPC Member Achievement Program is now in its second year. Members can begin earning points, find more information, and sign up online at <https://achieve.ponyclub.org/>. There were 182 participants enrolled in 2025, earning over 60,000 points. LeMieux is the official sponsor of the Member Achievement Program and provided prizes to the top 10 participants, which were awarded during lunch on Saturday at the 2026 USPC Convention in Lincolnshire, Ill.

During the Defender Kentucky Three-Day Event, USPC will host the Upper-Level Member Showcase. There has been a lot of interest shown by members of a variety of ages, regions, and disciplines.

High Point Program – Over 40 shows have applied for 2026, with ribbons distributed for January events. Show Organizers are responsible for reporting winners and the number of USPC members participating. Any show, horse trial, or event accredited or recognized by the following organizations may apply for levels to be awarded at their event. There is no fee associated with applying for these ribbons (a late fee may be applied if expedited shipping is required).

Accredited/Recognized entities include the United States Equine Federation (USEF), United States Eventing Association (USEA), United States Dressage Federation (USDF), Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA), United States Hunter/Jumper Association (USHJA), American Vaulting Association (AVA), American Polocrosse Association (APA), United States Mounted Games Association of America (USMGAA), American Driving Society (ADS), and the United States Polo Association (USPA). Shows occurring in 2026 may apply using the form below.

[USPC High Point Program Show Application](#)

International Exchanges – Applications for the 2026 International Mounted Games and Tetrathlon Exchanges are due March 1.

- The International Mounted Games Exchange will be hosted by USPC and will take place during the 2026 USPC Festival, July 10-20.
- The Tetrathlon Exchange will be hosted by Pony Club Australia and will take place from June 30 through July 20.
- Virtual Exchanges for 2026 are Show Jumping, Quiz, and Dressage.

USPC Convention

- The Lake Shore Region will be hosting the 2027 USPC Convention.
- The Deep South Region will be hosting the 2028 USPC Convention.

Report of the VP of Regional Administration

The Leadership Training theme during the USPC 2026 Convention in Lincolnshire, Ill. was Partnerships and Outreach, which aligned well with the USPC Strategic Transformation Plan. Future Leadership trainings for 2026 will focus on adherence to the By-Laws and Policies of USPC, Inc.

National Youth Board (NYB) Report

During the 2026 USPC Convention, The NYB Annual Service Project was held in conjunction with the National Youth Summit during the 2026 USPC Convention, in which 104 cards were completed to be distributed to the Northwestern General Children's Hospital.

NYB Executive Board 2026-2027

Chair- Ariana Dickey

Vice Chair – Ruby Lewis

Secretary – Lindsey Groves

Treasurer – Isabelle Dow

Social Media Coordinator – Kate Gerth

Board Advisor – Marissa Redmond

NYB Members

Anne Laurel Dempsey	Chloe Platt
Jolene Grover	Kyra Steinrock
Meghan Hill	Riley Rebholz
Mason Konesky	Melissa Tilden
Sydney Langley	
Isabella Mensik	

Pony Club International Alliance Report (PCIA) Report

2026 PCIA International Exchanges

- International Mounted Games - hosted by USPC and will take place during the 2026 USPC Festival, July 10-20.
- Tetrathlon Exchange – hosted by Pony Club Australia and will take place from June 30 through July 20.
- Virtual Show Jumping – Hosted by New Zealand Pony Club and Pony Club South Africa, dates to TBD.
- Virtual Quiz – Hosted by New Zealand Pony Club, dates TBD.
- Virtual Dressage – Hosted by USPC, Pony Club UK, and Hong Kong Pony Club. Phase 1 - Training Level 1 challenge – May/June. Phase 2 – Training Challenge plus 1st through 3rd Level – September/October.

Board Committee Highlights

Safety: Helmet Fit Guide – Safety Committee member, Kimberly Chick, presented a new helmet fit guide to USPC leadership at the 2026 USPC Convention. The guide includes strong visuals and guides, and will be posted under the Safety area of the website.

Marketing & Communications: Pegasus Documentary - USPC has been invited to participate in a documentary about advancing the horse industry. The documentary will focus on showjumper Gabby Reutter and includes industry partners such as USEF and Zoetis. Alyssa Sands, Chief Horse Management Judge, Information Technology Director at USPC, and former Pony Club member, will serve as the USPC interviewee.

Development: The Give A Leg Up- Get A Leg Up Regional Challenge winner for 2025 was the Midsouth Region, which will receive an exclusive Zoom party hosted by Ride iQ.

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We are pleased to welcome Le Mieux as the sponsor of the Member Achievement Program.

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University of Louisville Equine Industry Program

National Youth Congress/Academy of Achievement

Dreamers N Schemers

Western & English Sales Association (WESA)

Leadership Training

Mattingley Leadership Training Fund

The North Central Prairie Region received \$600 per Convention revenue share program.

Strategic Planning: The committee will work on adapting the USPC Strategic Transformation plan into

a clear, public-facing Strategic Plan to replace the current version. In addition, the committee will provide strategic-level guidance and messaging to support the implementation of the USPC Strategic Transformation Plan across the organization.

Governance: Policy 7325, Peer Review of Club & Region Accounts and Finances, was reviewed with a recommendation from the Finance Committee to change the wording from a “two-year requirement” to a “three-year” requirement for a peer review. This does not change the requirement if a Regional Supervisor, District Commissioner, or Treasurer changes. The Policy was approved by the Board with the wording of **a minimum of every three years” requirement for a peer review.**

Technology Infrastructure Advancement: Allpony has over 40+ courses, with the most recently launched courses:

- Inner Workings-Muscles
- Parallel Leading (USPC specific short course)
- Caring for Horses in Winter
- Winter Blanketing

Spring 2026 Courses currently in development:

- Equine Biosecurity
- Western Tack
- Routine Veterinary Care

Access & Engagement: The committee looks forward to greater clarity in 2026 regarding its role within the USPC Strategic Transformation Plan and is eager to contribute to improving access and engagement for current and prospective members and the broader communities USPC serves.