

First	Last	Desig.	City	State	Status	Governance Exp.	Current Committee Member	2023 Attendance
Armand	Chenelle	Hunter	Hebron	CT	Professional	X	N	
Ann	Dotoli	Hunter	Chepachet	RI	Professional	X	Y	80%
Amy	Eidson	Hunter	Wakefield	RI	Professional	X	Y	100%
Johanna	Hyyppa	Hunter	Granby	CT	Professional	X	N	
Sheila	Murphy	Hunter	Quincy	MA	Amateur	X	Y	100%
Melissa	Sullivan	Hunter	Clinton	CT	Professional	X	N	



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USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Armand Chenelle

City & State: Hebron, CT

USHJA Number: 1102387

Zone: 1

Professional/Amateur Status: Professional Amateur

Primary Designation (select one): Hunter Jumper

How are you currently involved in the sport? Please list your equestrian experience.

owner/trainer/riders @ 36 years Windcrest Farm, served on New England Equitation committee for 20 yrs to present, Connecticut Hunter/Jumper Assoc. past president, served on board 30 years to present training/competing at a national level during this time.

Do you have prior governance experience on a Board, committee, or task force? If so, please list.

Past president CHJA, served on board 30 years to present NEEL, 20 years to present

Do you have non-equestrian business experience? If so, please list.

Not outside of managing my own properties/investments outside of equestrian business

What is the biggest challenge the sport is facing in your opinion?

Keeping the sport accessible and affordable at all levels. Keeping the sport fair (maintaining a fair playing field). Maintaining the integrity of the sport while maintaining the safety of the horses and riders.

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

Working together with the other members of the Committee to help support and advance the interests of Zone 1. Helping to support and encourage further education and experience opportunities in our Zone and beyond. Show up and participate in all meetings and Zone work.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

Horses and people who love them... Continually learning how to care for, ride, train, compete with them better and helping their people to do the same.

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USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Ann Dotoli
City & State: Chepachet, RI
USHJA Number: 16449
Zone: 1
Professional/Amateur Status: Professional Amateur
Primary Designation (select one): Hunter Jumper

How are you currently involved in the sport? Please list your equestrian experience.

Owner & head trainer at Tibvi LLC.
30+ horses showing

Do you have prior governance experience on a Board, committee, or task force? If so, please list.

Zone 1 committee, USHJA Equitation task force,
Rhode Island Equitation committee

Do you have non-equestrian business experience? If so, please list.

NO

What is the biggest challenge the sport is facing in your opinion?

Cost.

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I hope my experience as a trainer will provide "boots on the ground" experience to making zone 1 grow and benefit its members.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

the horses!



USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Amy Eidson

City & State: Wakefield, RI

USHJA Number: 111402

Zone: 1

Professional/Amateur Status: Professional Amateur

Primary Designation (select one): Hunter Jumper

How are you currently involved in the sport? Please list your equestrian experience.

I have been a Hunter, H/S Equitation 'R' and Jumper 'r' judge for over 25 years.
I am a clinician.

Do you have prior governance experience on a Board, committee, or task force? If so, please list.

I am past president of RI Horsemen's Assoc. and current Senior Director. I served on the NE Horsemen's Council. I have served on the USHJA Zone 1 committee for years and currently serve as Chair.

Do you have non-equestrian business experience? If so, please list.

My husband and I have a hay business.

What is the biggest challenge the sport is facing in your opinion?

I think a big challenge is keeping the sport fair, safe and having opportunities for all levels of horses + riders along with levels for many economic backgrounds.

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

Continue to listen to our members and evolve the sport forward.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

The horse! 😊

USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Johanna Hyyppa

City & State: Granby, Ct

USHJA Number: 4020837

Zone: 1

Professional/Amateur Status: Professional Amateur

Primary Designation (select one): Hunter Jumper

How are you currently involved in the sport? Please list your equestrian experience.

I own Metro Stables. At Metro Stables I am the head trainer and rider. I have students that compete in all three rings- equitation, hunter, and jumpers. When I was a junior I showed extensively in the Big Equitation.

Do you have prior governance experience on a Board, committee, or task force? If so, please list.

Yes- I'm currently on the New England Equitation Committee. I also was on the Vermont Hunter Jumper Association board when my business was up there. My primary focus on the board was the equitation committee.

Do you have non-equestrian business experience? If so, please list.

No. I was a 2nd grade teacher for a few years.

What is the biggest challenge the sport is facing in your opinion?

Making it affordable and not losing the smaller local and A rated shows where people get introduced to the sport.

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I like to be involved in committees. It's a way to give back to the sport and help the sport flourish. I'm not sure exactly where the need is on the Zone 1 committee but I love education and membership outreach.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

The life goals it teaches people. Especially adolescence girls.



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USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Sheila Murphy

City & State: Quincy, Ma

USHJA Number: 4081262

Zone: 1

Professional/Amateur Status: Professional Amateur

Primary Designation (select one): Hunter Jumper

How are you currently involved in the sport? Please list your equestrian experience.

Owner Breeder Young hunters and hunters showing in hand
Competitor- Hunter Breeding classes

Do you have prior governance experience on a Board, committee, or task force? If so, please list.

Board of governors, Massachusetts Horsemen's Council
New England Horsemen's Council - delegate representing Massachusetts
South Shore Horsemen's Council - local organization over 10 years and ongoing
USHJA Safety Committee member
USHJA Horse and Rider's Advocate Committee
USHJA Steward's Committee

Do you have non-equestrian business experience? If so, please list.

none

What is the biggest challenge the sport is facing in your opinion?

Horse welfare including awareness by professionals of social license and
*education of all stakeholders on best practices to prep our horses for competition (ie
longeing best practices)

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I hope to provide a voice as an amateur and as a competitor who
has experience in governance at the local level.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

For the sport aspect- the horses- they are all individuals and finding what works best for each one which will bring
out their potential is very satisfying. Otherwise, I would say the friends I have made and relationships I have built
over the years. Being in this sport, I have not only learned how to ride and show in hand but also I have had the
privilege of playing in a part in developing quality youngsters.

USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Melissa Sullivan

City & State: Clinton, CT

USHJA Number: 5655443

Zone: 1

Professional/Amateur Status: Professional Amateur

Primary Designation (select one): Hunter Jumper

How are you currently involved in the sport? Please list your equestrian experience.

I am a USEF 'r' C1 Steward applicant. I will hopefully be getting my license this month.

I have been a pony mom and a trainer for many years but currently am not actively training so that I could focus my time and attention on becoming a Steward.

Do you have prior governance experience on a Board, committee, or task force? If so, please list.

I have previously been on the Connecticut Westchester Business Travel Association's committee serving as the social media manager.

I currently serve as an Ethics Ambassador at my non-equestrian job.

Do you have non-equestrian business experience? If so, please list.

I am a Senior Manager at Priceline.com.

What is the biggest challenge the sport is facing in your opinion?

Now that everyone could be filmed and posted on social media at any moment, there are some less than flattering perceptions about the sport as it pertains to the welfare and treatment of animals, and people involved in the sport.

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I would bring a multi-tier perspective to the committee. I understand how a trainer, owner, parent, and steward views rules and violations. I want to be as involved as possible.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

I love being at a horse show. I'm no longer needed as a pony mom so I've worked hard to complete all of the training and apprenticing hours needed to become a Steward. I'm looking for any way to remain connected to this amazing sport.