

# UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



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## Letter from the President:

As we get closer to the annual convention, lets look back on last year. Some rides did very well while others struggled to get the needed riders.

I know that there are always circumstances that contribute to low attendance. The price of fuel, weather, and family issues.

I would suggest that everyone try to attend one different ride this year. Maybe go to a new state or the other side of your state. Attend a new ride or an old one you have never been able to go to before. We need to help out our ride managers.

I hope everyone is planning to attend the convention and general meeting. It is always good to get together with the good people of our club.

Sarah Mowrer

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**Don't forget your silent auction items at Convention! The Silent Auction funds trail grants and more! Get creative! Baked goods, offer to provide a meal or crew for someone at a ride, new or used tack, arts & crafts, the possibilities are endless!**

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## Save the Date for Convention

**Jan 20 – 22, 2023**

Grand River Center  
500 Bell Street  
Dubuque, IA

For reservations you **must** call 563-690-4000 ext. 1 and identify yourself as part of UMECRA. Please do not use the online booking as UMECRA will not get credit for the rooms unless you call and identify yourself as part of the group. UMECRA is required to pay full price for any rooms that are not booked as part of the contract so we appreciate you calling the hotel directly and identifying us as your group rate.

Rooms must be booked by Dec 21,2022.

Rooms are \$139/night plus tax and include the use of the Waterpark.

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## Elections!

### Yep – it's that time again!

Are you interested in serving on the UMECRA Board of Directors or to be Rider Representative? The following positions are up for election in 2023.

#### 2023 Open Positions

- Vice President (currently Linda Mowrer)
- Treasurer (currently Deb Moe)
- Illinois Director at Large (currently Nicole Mauser-Storer). Must be a ride manager in this state.
- MI Director at Large (currently Sandra Wright). Must be a ride manager in this state.
- Director at Large (currently Peggy Pasillas)
- Director at Large (currently Theresa Meyer)

If you are interested in any of the open positions, please write up a description of yourself and why you want to serve. All nominations need to be submitted by email to the UMECRA Secretary, Janet Sarver [jsarver662@gmail.com](mailto:jsarver662@gmail.com). Deadline is January 1, 2023. **Nominations will be accepted at the General Meeting – Nominee's must accept the nomination before voting begins.**

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## Additional Awards

### UMECRA Senior Equine Award -

Donated by Sharon Hahn

This award honors the equine 20 years of age and older that accrues the highest number of UMECRA points + UMECRA miles during the season. The equine may compete in multiple divisions (endurance, limited distance, competitive, novice, driving) and with any number of riders. The equine must complete at least 4 rides to be eligible. Owners need to nominate their horse by sending their nomination form to Sharon Hahn accompanied by proof of age (registration papers or vet letter or other evidence for unregistered animals). There is no fee to nominate.

To qualify, complete the Senior Equine Nomination Form (available on the UMECRA website) and send it to Sharon Hahn as indicated on the form.

### UMECRA Riders Choice Award

Originating in 1981 this award is presented annually at the UMECRA Convention & Awards Banquet following a vote from those members that are present at the convention.

The guidelines to be considered when nominating and voting for a horse for this honor are:

- A horse that has shown superior ability in its division
- A horse that has been a consistent competitor
- A horse that has shown its ability to overcome setbacks
- Any horse, for any reasons the nominator admires, and feels is a superior representative of the "Distance Horse"
- Send your nomination for a horse you feel qualifies. Deadline to send in your nomination is January 15th 2023. Send your nomination to [Jansasena@gmail.com](mailto:Jansasena@gmail.com)

Please remember if you are receiving an award and will not be present at convention, you must have someone pick it up for you - we do not mail awards. Thank you – Jan Sasena

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**Time to Renew your  
UMECRA Membership!  
Online at [www.umecra.com](http://www.umecra.com) or  
use the form at the end of the  
newsletter!**

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## 2022 Ride Managers

Please provide your voting delegates to Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary, by **Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**. You must declare who will be voting for your ride prior to the annual meeting on January 20, 21, 2023.

**Send your list of delegates to:**

[jsarver662@gmail.com](mailto:jsarver662@gmail.com)

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### Upcoming Clinics!!

Please share with your friends – lots of opportunities to learn more about our sport! Check out “UMECRA” on Facebook for more information.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023, 9:30 AM – 2 PM**

Endurance 101 Clinic - you and your horse CAN go the distance!

Lavender Barn Wellness, Downs, IL

Hosted by Nicole Mauser-Storer

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023, 10 AM – 2 PM**

Endurance 101 Clinic - you and your horse CAN go the distance!

The Shenandoah Riding Center, Galena, IL

Hosted by Nicole Mauser-Storer

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023, 11 AM – 3 PM**

Endurance 101 Clinic - you and your horse CAN go the distance!

St. Jacob, Illinois

Event by Nicole Mauser-Storer

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023, 9AM – 4PM**

Intro to Distance Riding – let’s get started! A full day of information, fun and hands on. No horses needed for the clinic.

Inver Grove Heights, MN

Event by Peggy Pasillas

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**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023**

**Mock Ride** at Crow Hassen Regional Park, Rogers MN.

Will include both Intro and Novice rides. You will have the opportunity to practice vet checks and compete in a positive and realistic ride environment!

Camping available on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Hosted by MnDRA – event manager Peggy Pasillas.

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## UMECRA Rules

### Proposed Changes

Please take a few minutes to review the following rule changes that are being proposed for the upcoming annual meeting. The proposals will be reviewed during the meeting and voted on by the designated ride delegates.

<b>2023 UMECRA Bylaw Change Proposal – Requires 2/3rds approval</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<p>ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Section 1. ELIGIBILITY. Membership in this organization shall be limited to active members only. Such active memberships shall be granted to individuals, to families and to endurance and/or competitive trail rides.</p> <p>(a) All persons shall be eligible for an individual membership.</p> <p>(b) Family memberships shall consist of one or more related, or coupled as significant other, adults and/or children of such adults who are less than 18 years of age, all of whom reside in the same household.</p> <p>(c) Endurance and/or competitive rides shall be granted a membership on proper application approved by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>(d) Each member shall abide by the rules and regulations established by the corporation.</p> <p>Section 2. DUES. No endurance or competitive trail ride, individual, or family shall become an active member of this organization unless or until it/s/he shall first pay to the corporation the annual dues which shall be set by the Board of Directors from time to time.</p> <p>Section 3. RIDER REPRESENTATIVES. Individual members and family memberships of the corporation shall be entitled to vote for the four Rider Representatives who shall serve as delegates to the annual or special meetings of the corporation. Ride managers are not eligible to be elected as Rider Representatives. Family memberships shall be entitled to <del>as many votes, up to a maximum of two</del> <b>votes</b> per family membership <del>as there are adults within the family unit.</del></p>	<p>Because UMECRA does not ask for member’s ages on annual member forms; a proposed change in the bylaws to match the long-time practice of allowing two votes for family members no matter if the family member is two adults or an adult and a minor member, or multiple family members of different ages. This is for Rider Representative voting.</p>
<b>2023 UMECRA Rule Change Proposals</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<p>UMECRA SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS 2. UMECRA RULES O. All sanctioning fees <del>must be paid</del> <b>are due</b> by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. If not paid by this date, the <del>ride loses sanctioning for the year</del> Sanctioning Coordinator will send an email to the ride manager (call or letter sent by confirmation delivery) and document that contact has been made requesting the funds. <b>Late payments</b></p>	<p>The current rule for fees not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup> is very rigid, especially if fees are a few days late. The rewrite is a solution which is viewed as more workable by the board and has various penalties laid out within the new rule.</p>

<p><b>will be considered a re-sanctioning request and must be approved by the Board of Directors. Penalties for late payments may include: delay in the posting of the ride flyer online, exclusion of the flyer from the ride book, and loss of ride sanctioning.</b> It is the ride manager's duty to contact the Sanctioning Coordinator and Treasurer if their contact information has been changed from the previous year.</p>	
<p>UMECRA ENDURANCE RULE 7. There must be a minimum of two <b>midride</b> vet checks on a 50-mile ride and a minimum of <del>three</del> <b>four midride</b> checks on a 100-mile ride.</p>	<p>This proposed change bumps up the number of checks required in a 100-mile ride that will match newly adopted UMECRA veterinary guidelines. It also clarifies that the checks listed here are to be midride checks, and not count the "final check" in this total. <b>**This rule if passed will be underlined in our rule book, because it is more strict than AERC, which requires one checkpoint hold in any ride 25 miles or more.</b></p>
<p>UMECRA COMPETITIVE RIDE Rules – <b>Proposed new wording for 3.B:</b> 3. Rider Requirements B. Devices which serve strictly as leg protection shall be penalized two points per leg per day. Examples include, but are not limited to bell boots, splint boots, wraps, sleeves or any device that was not manufactured to hold hoof protection in place. All types of hoof protection are permissible, including hoof boots with the manufacturer's associated parts. Boots and parts shall NOT extend above the pastern, or the boot will be subject to the two points per day per leg penalty. The judge may request to observe the area covered by the boot and/or the area under any leg protection at any time. If leg protection is not declared, see (H).</p> <p><b>Current hoof boot rule:</b> COMPETITIVE RULE 3. Rider Requirements B. If boots, bandages, or wraps are used, the horse shall be penalized two points per leg per day. Boots and their permanent attachments designed to protect the sole of the hoof are permitted, and shall not be penalized. The judges may request to observe the area covered by the attached strap, keeper or gaiter at any time. If boots are not declared, see (H).</p> <p>H. The penalty for failing to follow the above requirements: completion only, miles only or disqualification. (2014)</p>	<p>Hoof protection continues to evolve in sophistication, and the current rule has caused at least some confusion at one ride. Some boots have attachments that are designed to be changed out, so they are not permanent. A different boot may have a similar strap, and be permanent but not penalized.</p> <p>In an effort to not to discriminate against certain hoof boot brands, <u>leg protection</u> is defined and penalty points are taken. This has been the long time practice of UMECRA and other competitive trail groups. <u>Hoof protection</u> is also defined and defined what is acceptable.</p> <p>Hoof protection that extends above the pastern is either not allowed by other competitive trail organizations or it is given penalty points as described in this rule.</p>

**UMECRA 2023 Convention Schedule and Registration**  
**Friday, January 20 - Sunday, January 22, 2023**  
**Grand River Center**  
**350 Bell Street**  
**Dubuque, IA 52001**

**Friday January 20**

**3 PM** Registration Opens

**5:00 PM** – Meeting Rooms 4/5/6 - **Rosemary J. LoGiudice, DVM** - Helping your horse reach its maximum potential - Find subtle problems before they become clinical mobility issues; “Turning On and Tuning In” the horse’s nervous system to maximize performance

**6:30 PM** – Meeting Rooms 4/5/6 - AHDRA Meet and Greet & Appetizers – OPEN TO EVERYONE, not only AHDRA Members

**7:30 PM** – Meeting Rooms 4/5/6 - AHDRA Awards

**8:30 PM (roughly)** - Meeting Rooms 4/5/6 – AHDRA Social Hour and GAMES - OPEN TO EVERYONE

**Saturday January 21**

**7 AM** - Meeting Room 3 - UMECRA Board Meeting

**9 AM** - Meeting Rooms 4/5/6 – **Ida Hammer** - “Pre-Hab beats Re-Hab - How to support your horses feet for the long haul”

**11:30 AM** – LUNCH BREAK

**1 PM - 4 PM** - Meeting Rooms 4/5/6 – UMECRA Annual Meeting

**5:00 PM** – Meeting Rooms 4/5/6 - Cocktails

**6:00 PM** – Meeting Rooms 4/5/6 - Dinner

**7 PM** - Meeting Rooms 4/5/6– UMECRA Awards

**SOCIAL**

**Sunday January 22**

**Room Opens at 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM** – Meeting Room 3 - AHDRA Annual Meeting

# UMECRA 2023 Convention Registration

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Please indicate if you plan to attend the AHDRA Social Hour **Number Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

## SATURDAY AWARDS BANQUET

*All dinners include Chef's Salad, Green Bean Almondine, Garlic Mashed Potato, Dinner Rolls, Butter, regular and decaf coffee*

Roast Beef Sirloin \$28/each

Sliced thin roast beef sirloin finished with cabernet jus lie,

**Number of Meals** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roast Beef Sirloin \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Chicken Breast \$29/each

Grilled chicken breast with marsala sauce

**Number of Meals** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grilled/Sauteed Chicken \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Veggie Kabob \$24/each

Grilled mushroom, onion, pepper, and zucchini atop a bed of brown rice \*Gluten free\*

**Number of Meals** \_\_\_\_\_

**Veggie Kabob \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Meal available for children 10 and under \$18/each

Chicken strips served with french fries and fruit cup

**Number of Meals** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Meal \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Members not purchasing any meal and who attend the morning talk and/or afternoon meeting will be assessed a \$7/member meeting fee to help cover room & microphone

Subtotal Convention Only Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 10TH - refunds will not be given and late meals requests will not be accepted**

**Electronic registration and payment available on UMECRA.com**

**Paying by check? Please mail this form with a check made out to UMECRA to:**

**Kim Fosler, 7898 N. Carr Rd, Scales Mound, IL 61075**

For Office Use Only:

Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Chk # or Cash (\$) \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
DB entered? \_\_\_\_\_  
Date deposited \_\_\_\_\_

# UMECRA



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## UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership year: \_\_\_\_\_

**SELECT ONE:**

RENEWAL       NEW MEMBERSHIP

**SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE:**

Family \$45   
Single \$35   
Junior \$10

**SELECT MEDIA PREFERENCE:**

Electronic Newsletter - \$0   
Mailed Newsletter - \$10   
Electronic Ride Book - \$0   
Mailed Ride Book - \$10

Ride Book is available for free by downloading the PDF file at [www.umecra.com](http://www.umecra.com) on the schedule page

\*Family memberships shall consist of one or more related, or coupled as significant other, adults, and/or children of such adults who are less than 18 years of age, all of whom reside in the same household. Please include all names of eligible family members below.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and LEGIBLY!**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AERC MEMBER NUMBER(s) (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

AERC HORSE NUMBER(s) (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

UMECRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do NOT want your name and contact info in the membership book, check this box:

Please mail completed form along with check made out to UMECRA to:

Deb Moe – Treasurer  
2632 County Road G  
Emerald, WI 54013



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 10<sup>th</sup> of each month  
 Send news to:  
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