



Membership Renewal

October 1, 2017

Mission:
Through an energized, broad based, grassroots coalition representing all facets of the equine industry, the Michigan Equine Partnership (MEP) is committed to increasing the awareness and support, influencing public policy to strengthen the industry, and heightening recognition of the economic opportunities and value of the Michigan equine industry.

Vision:
A leader, partner and the voice of the Michigan equine industry.

Philosophy:
Provide leadership through commitment, empowerment and accountability. Build partnerships with respect, trust, cooperation and respond to the needs of the equine industry with information, assessment, innovation, communication and coordination of services.

Value:
A proud non-profit organization of advocacy through integrity, collaboration and member driven cooperative spirit.



Dear Greetings!,

Thank you for your Michigan Equine Partnership membership and your continued support of the equine industry. Exciting times are ahead and your 2018 membership dues will support our moving forward with plans for the Michigan International Horse Park! Our united aspirations enhance economic opportunity and the value of the equine industry in Michigan.

We are pleased to tell you about this year's achievements. First, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules established guidelines on draft horse drug testing. As a result, the Great Lakes International (MGLI) Draft Horse Show and Pull held in East Lansing each year now sees higher numbers of competitors because drug testing the winning pairs and randomly testing horses or teams that come in second or third in the pulls levels clears the field of unethical competitors.

The Horse Racing Act, No. 271, encourages the growth and sustainability of Michigan horse racing, by incentivizing horse breeding in Michigan and encouraging Michigan bred horses to come home to race! Special purses are now available at fairs for 2-year-old and 3-year-old Michigan bred or sired Standardbred harness horses leased or owned by a resident of Michigan. Please be sure to read the law and learn more by visiting: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2015-2016/publicact/pdf/2016-PA-0271.pdf>

And finally, an essential effort by MEP for the horse industry was the passing of the Equine Liability Act which continues to protect equine owners from frivolous lawsuits.

We couldn't have done any of this without your support! We look forward to keeping you up to date on legislation activity of 2018 and continued plans for the Michigan International Horse Park. Input from members is always welcome. Call us to participate, or for more details on issues.

We welcome new enterprises, so if you know of someone who would like to be a part of this partnership; please let us know.

Please find enclosed your 2018 membership renewal. If you have any questions, please call or email the office.

Sincerely,

Aaron Rice
President
Michigan Equine Partnership

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*Please print, make any necessary changes to the information below and send to the MEP office.

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
 Farm/Business/Organization: _____
 Breed(s): _____ Discipline: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

All membership packages include newsletter, issue alerts, legislative monitoring and other member benefits.

<u>Personal</u>	<u>Association/Business</u>
o \$25 Student w/ valid ID	o \$100 Self-Employed
o \$100 Individual	o \$250 Association/Small Business (*t) (50 members or less) (<10 employees)
o \$150 Family	o \$500 Association/Large Business (*t) (50 members or more) (>10 employees)
o \$500 Lifetime Individual	

*- Your members receive all MEP member benefits except voting rights.
t- Receives recognition in the MEP Annual Report

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Take life's hurdles in stride.
Loosen the reins.
Be free spirited.
Keep the burrs
from under your saddle.
Carry your friends
when they need it.
Keep stable.
Gallop to greatness!
—Ilan Shamir



Membership Drive

VALUE!



Being a part of the Equine Community
As a member of the Michigan Equine Partnership you will begin receiving the MEP Newsletter, Issue Alerts, a Membership Pin and other benefits like discounts on insurance and more.
You also become an active part of the equine community and industry, an important and vital part of Michigan.
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Photos wanted!

Do you have any horse related photos you would like to share with MEP? We are always looking for new photos to use in newsletters, on the website and in other MEP projects. What would be better than to use photos from our very own Michigan horse family!

If you have any photos you would like to share with us please send them to kristinag43@gmail.com with "Horse Photos" in the subject line.