



My name is David Brent — Chair Category C membership with Equestrian Canada (EC).

As you may or may not be aware, EC passed new By-laws in 2015 under the Canadian Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. One of the major changes to EC's governance structure was the establishment of a new voting membership structure comprised of three membership categories: Category A — Equestrian Sports, Category B - Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations and Category C — National Equine Affiliate Organizations.

Each Category has nine voting members designated to represent the Category's interests to EC. The nine voting members in Category C are: myself, Barbara Blackwell, Gary Gushuliak, Jill Barton, Muriel Burnley, Sue Ockendon, Terry Johnson, Tina Collins and Wayne Burwash (President of CQHA).

The mandate of the Category C voting members is:

- attend the EC Annual General Meeting,
- vote at extraordinary meetings of the EC Members,
- vote on issues presented at the Annual General Meeting of EC,
- vote for EC Directors,
- vote on changes to the Articles or By-Laws of EC,
- designate representatives to serve on EC Nominating Committee,
- represent NEOs to the EC Board and management, providing input with respect to recommendations on EC's strategic direction and priorities,
- establish a Nominations Committee for the sole purpose of electing the nine Category C (NEO) members as outlined in these terms of reference, and
- other rights and responsibilities of EC Members as set out in the EC By-Laws.

As your Category C representatives at EC we would like to take this opportunity to reach out to all of you and invite you to connect with us to share ideas, suggestions and/or challenges so we may work effectively with EC for the best of the entire horse industry.

Feel free to contact me though Julie Cull at the EC office at jcull@equestrian.ca or contact Wayne Burwash at president@cqha.ca