

Nominations for President (one to be elected)



David Milburn - Incumbent

David Milburn comes from a family with deep roots in the horse racing industry, spanning four generations in Canada. His great-grandfather made his living breaking horses for the Northwest Mounted Police, followed by his grandfather, who campaigned many horses in British Columbia. Continuing the family tradition, David's father was a thoroughbred trainer for over 50 years. On his mother's side, the family hails from Trinidad, where they were also heavily involved in racing. His uncle owned and raced numerous horses in Trinidad.

David has 40 years of experience as a trial lawyer, specializing in criminal and civil litigation, where he developed excellent negotiating skills. Expertise that he applies to his leadership role as the current president of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of British Columbia (HPBA of BC). David has worked extensively with the Provincial Government to develop a long-term sustainable plan for the racing industry all the while understanding the challenges the industry faces, and he is focused on positioning it to take full advantage of opportunities as they arise.

This blend of a strong family tradition in horse racing and professional legal experience makes David uniquely qualified to continue leading the HPBA of BC.



Robert Gilker

Rob Gilker is a second-generation horseman. He was raised in Richmond and for the last twenty years has called the neighborhood of Hastings/Sunrise home.

Training, owning, breeding and working as a professional farrier since graduating from high school in '81, he's made his living exclusively from this industry.

He has previously served as a director of the HBPA BC including board level feed store oversight and would look forward to serving as President.

(picture courtesy of Patti Tubbs)