

EQUINE COLLABORATIVE INTERNATIONAL, INC.

GROUNDWORK SPRING 2023

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Equine Collaborative International, Inc.

An Introduction

Equine Collaborative International, Inc., (ECI) is a 501 (c) (3) charitable non-profit organization with deep roots in the horse community. Members of the Board of Directors and Board Advisors have made it policy that all meetings will be open to the General Membership and the public so that all advancements and issues in the industry can be openly discussed. The ECI Board of Directors is populated by both professional and non-pro horse persons with very diverse backgrounds and coming from many disciplines, but sharing the common ambition of keeping the horse industry moving forward by increasing educational opportunities for everyone from youth beginners to long seasoned professionals.

We look forward to serving you in your individual horsemanship journey and hope that you will join us and participate in our quest to help others.

The opinions expressed within these pages are not, necessarily, reflective of the opinions of the Board of Directors, the Editor of Groundwork or the Membership of Equine Collaborative International, Inc. This publication remains as an open forum for opinions and ideas expressed by individual contributors.

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Greetings-

Well, here it is, nearly Spring and the days are getting longer. Here in Florida we are at the end of our riding and camping season as it will soon be too humid and buggy to ride, IMO.

My husband and I were out riding a few weeks ago and I suddenly noticed the girth on his saddle was no longer holding the saddle but was hanging under his horse. We stopped immediately and, after a very clumsy dismount, discovered that the offside billet had broken. Everything turned out fine but it could have ended badly. So I encourage everyone to inspect, clean and oil their tack. This is a great time to do it, **BEFORE** your riding season begins.

We are excited for and hope you will join us for the annual Equine Collaborative International **WILD HORSE SOLUTIONS SUMMIT** on April 12th as well as all the future ECI events we are busy planning.

LJS

Lori J. Shank, DVM
 Equine Collaborative
 International President



2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

Everyone is welcome, call or e-mail for Zoom link or phone number to attend by conference call.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM Eastern

January 4 February 1 March 1 April 5

May 3 June 7 July 5 August 2 September 6

October 4 November 1 December 6

If you want to attend a meeting send an e-mail to 411eci@gmail.com requesting the link and agenda

SUBMISSIONS

Please feel free to add to our effort by submitting your ideas and experiences in Letters to the Editor, stories, articles, reports, photos, poetry, art work, etc. All submissions are subject to inclusion/exclusion due to space availability and at the discretion of the editor. Keep us updated with coming events to be included on our events calendar.

Deadline for the submissions to the Summer 2023 issue of Groundwork is June 5, 2022

POLICIES AND ADVERTISING

Groundwork is the official ECI newsletter and will be published 4 times per year (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall), and distributed free of charge to all members. Submissions will be accepted from members and non-members and will be accepted on or before the 5th of the month preceding the publication month. Groundwork reserves the right to refuse any or all material submitted that is deemed detrimental to ECI or the members that it serves. Groundwork is not responsible for copy errors, typographical errors, or any unintentional errors in advertising. The content of Groundwork is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical or behavioral advice, diagnosis or treatment. Always seek the advice of your veterinarian or animal healthcare provider.



Victoria Williams' photo of Wild Burros

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QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

“The most important thing human beings need to do about wild horses is to ensure that they remain wild horses!”

– Mehmet Murat Ildan



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Linda entered the insurance industry in 1985 as a Customer Service Representative and a producer. In 1992, she opened the doors to Main Street Insurance Agency, Inc. located in Attica, NY. MSI now has locations in Bell, FL and Warsaw, NY. The agency is licensed to sell insurance in NY, NJ, PA, TX, FL and GA. MSI is a proud member of the Alpha Associates, Inc., which is a group of 20 professional insurance agents in upstate and middle NY and PA.

A daughter of a blacksmith and Linda's background with horses, makes it a natural fit for her agency to specialize in Equine Mortality, Farm Insurance and Equine Event Insurance. "Our niche equine market has created many opportunities for us. We have been able to help people with other insurance needs," explains Linda. The agency can also provide auto, home, business, and life insurance. Main Street Insurance has an amazing staff willing to help you with your insurance needs. Find out more at www.mainstreetagency.com.

Linda currently serves as the President of the Attica Area Chamber of Commerce and is active in various community and school events. Linda lives in Varysburg with her son and husband, Mike Hoffmeister.



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upcoming event
scheduling.

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- 10. Jim Brown
- 11. Sandy Sharkey
- 24. James Anaquad Kleinert
- 28. Jetara Sehart
- 31. Erik Molvar
- 8. Scott Beckstead- Slaughter Investigation
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- 29. Marty Irby
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By GLENN DRIGGS



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