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2 **SUBJECT Judges & Stewards Commissioner Authority & Establish Peer Review Panel**

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4 *(This section to be completed by the Agenda and Resolutions Committee.)*

Committee Action:
Approve Disapprove

5 Committees required to review:

Board of Directors			
Commissioner's Review Panel			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Judges & Stewards Steering			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Resolution 5-90 Task Force			

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7 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

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9 _____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved
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11 _____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____
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13 **RESOLUTION:**
14 (Refer to Article 901 for submission requirements.)

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16 Whereas, Under the original 5-90, the Commissioner was empowered to take action which he deemed appropriate in
17 any matter in which the Commissioner considers, in his sole opinion, that failure to act immediately will
18 result in immediate and irreparable harm to the public or exhibitor's confidence in the conduct of the
19 Judges or Stewards of an AHA approved competition; and

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21 Whereas, This empowerment was removed by resolution 16-00 which shifted said responsibility to the competition
22 officials or management; and

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24 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the Commissioner needs the authority originally created by 5-90 restored
25 so as to effectuate the original purpose and intent of 5-90; and

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27 Whereas, That the Commissioner's office should be responsible for the ongoing evaluation of Judges and Stewards in
28 terms of their actual judging performance and compliance with the class specifications and procedures and
29 all other matters involving a Judge's or steward's performance; and

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31 Whereas, The Commissioner needs the authority to convene peer review panel(s) to assist the office in evaluating
32 judges' performance; and

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34 Whereas, The Commissioner should have the authority to warn, suspend, require more education of, or remove a
35 judge or steward from the AHA Approved Judges & Stewards List, subject to a review by the Education
36 and Evaluation Commission if so requested; Therefore Be It

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38 Resolved, That the Commissioner's office shall be responsible for the ongoing evaluation of judges and stewards in
39 terms of their actual judging performance and compliance with the class specifications and procedures and
40 all other matters involving a judge's or steward's performance; and, Be It Further

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42 Resolved, The Commissioner may establish a Peer Review Panel(s) to assist in the ongoing evaluation of judges and
43 stewards at any AHA recognized competition. Said Panel Review members must consist of
44 National/Regional level judges or stewards and be approved by the Education and Evaluation Commission
45 (EEC). Furthermore, any compensation or expense for said panel(s) to come from the 5-90 budgets; and,
46 Be It Further

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48 Resolved, That Resolution 5-90 (1) 14 be amended to read: The Commissioner is empowered to take action which
49 the Commissioner deems appropriate in any matter in which the Commissioner considers, in his sole
50 opinion, that failure to act in a timely manner will result in immediate and irreparable harm to the public or
51 exhibitor's confidence in the conduct of the Judges and Stewards of any AHA approved competition;

52 and, Be It Further

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54 Resolved, That the Commissioner be empowered to warn, to require more education of, to suspend, or remove a judge
55 or steward from the AHA Approved Judges & Stewards List, as appropriate. Said action subject to a de
56 novo review by the Education and Evaluation Commission, if so requested by the judge or steward, and
57 such review shall require a 2/3 vote of the entire EEC to overturn the actions of the Commissioner.
58 Policies and procedures for the review process, with input from the EEC, to be created and implemented by
59 the effective date.

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61 Effective: January 1, 2009

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63 **PROPONENT'S FINANCIAL IMPACT:**
64 (Refer to Article 901.2.e. for financial requirements.)

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67 **AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:** The Judges & Stewards Commissioner's office supports this Resolution as written.

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69 Contact Person: George Johnson, Judges & Stewards Commissioner, (303) 696-4538

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71 **SUBMITTED BY:**

72 Name: Resolution 5-90 Task Force

Region:

73 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

74 Who voted: Members Board Delegates (check voting body)

75 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 4 Number of Yes votes: 4 Number of No votes: 0

76 How vote was taken: mail email phone meeting (check one) (Must have Quorum with majority of yes votes)

77 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Task Force Minutes (Must have printed documentation on file)

78 Date vote taken: August 13, 2008

79 Contact Person: Peter Conway, Chair 5-90 Task Force (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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