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## **TOC Elects Two New Board Members, Three Incumbents**

**Arcadia, Calif.** – TOC's membership elected Ryan Hanson and Lindsay LaRoche and re-elected incumbents Ed Moger, Stephanie Hronis, and Rick Gold to its Board of Directors. All five were elected to three-year terms. The new board officially takes office on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hanson is a fourth-generation horseman who worked as an exercise rider and assistant trainer before moving to Santa Anita in 2017 as a trainer. Since then his stable has grown to over 20 head, and he has campaigned world champion distance runner Honoroso as well as several graded stakes winners.

LaRoche joins the board as a Northern California representative. A resident of Lafayette, CA for 20 years, he and his wife, Deborah, run Highland Yard stable, with several horses in training at Golden Gate Fields and in Southern California.

Gold has served on the board for four years. He is chair of TOC's Medication and Integrity committee, a member of the Executive, Finance, and Wagering committees, and serves as TOC's representative on the board of the Racing Medication and Testing Committee (RMTTC.) Moger has served on the board since 2010 and is an active member of the Executive and Medication committees and chairman of the Northern California Racing Affairs Committee. A trainer for over 45 years, he also breeds and raises Thoroughbreds in Northern California. Hronis was initially appointed to fill a board vacancy last Fall. An active and involved board member, she chairs the Owner Relations Committee. Hronis Racing has been a leader in the California owner standings for several years.

A total of 6,003 ballots were mailed out to eligible voters, and 1,579 qualifying ballots were received. The complete vote tally is available for viewing on TOC's web site at [www.toconline.com](http://www.toconline.com).

The newly elected Directors join Nick Alexander, Joe Ciaglia, Gary Fenton, Mike Harrington, Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Jack Owens, Richard Rosenberg, Samantha Siegel, and Bill Strauss in comprising TOC's 2021-22 Board.

Current TOC bylaws require that at least three board members be from Northern California. Representing Northern California on the Board are LaRoche, Moger, and Owens. TOC bylaws require at least two and no more than six owner-trainers on the board, and representing the owner-trainer seats are Harrington, Hanson, and Moger.

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