



## **NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALBERTA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION (1985)**

**Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 3:00 PM**

**iHotel and Conference Centre, in Red Deer**

### **Voting Privileges:**

Only current (2025), Adult ADA members have voting privileges and may submit or accept nominations for Executive Board positions. **2025 ADA Memberships must be paid before midnight on Tuesday April 1, 2025**, to allow the Board to compile the distribution list.

Junior members under 18 years old cannot vote. Parents of a Junior member may purchase a membership in any of the Area Groups by April 1, 2025, to vote for your junior rider's opinions and/or concerns.

All current ADA members are invited and encouraged to attend in person. However, a Zoom link will be emailed to ADA members who renew their membership before the April 1 deadline. Please ensure you include your current email address in your membership renewal to receive ADA AGM updates and information.

### **First Call for Nominations to the ADA Board of Directors:**

This Notice of AGM is your FIRST CALL for nominations for candidates to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Alberta Dressage Association (1985).

The ADA will be accepting ADVANCE nominations for the 2025 Board of Directors. Nominees may choose to submit a brief bio and/or statement about why they would like to serve on the Board.

**Nominations must be submitted by emailing the attached nomination form to [albertadressageassociation@gmail.com](mailto:albertadressageassociation@gmail.com) before the closing date of midnight, April 1, 2025.**

All qualifying nominations and supporting information will be emailed to the ADA membership for consideration prior to the AGM. This will allow our members to make an informed decision during the election. Nominations from the floor at the AGM will not be accepted.

The following positions on the 2025 Board of Directors are open for nominations:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer



- Director at Large (1)
- Director at Large (2)

## Proposed ADA Bylaw Changes:

There are proposed changes to the ADA Membership Categories and an addition of a Youth Liaison to the ADA Board, if the proposed YDADA Restructure is ratified at the AGM. Details on the proposed Bylaws are attached at the end of this document.

## Social Dinner after the AGM

After the AGM, all members are invited to join the 2024 Board of Directors for dinner at the State and Main at 6702 Golden West Ave, in Red Deer for a social meal. This is at your own expense. However, we would love to be able to spend some time getting to know each other.

**If you would like to join us for dinner, please RSVP to [albertadressageassociation@gmail.com](mailto:albertadressageassociation@gmail.com) by April 1** so we can make reservations.

## Venue Information:

iHotel and Conference Centre, 6500 67 Street, Red Deer, AB T4P 1A2, <https://ihotelreddeer.com/>

The Board of Directors looks forward to welcoming you to the AGM! Coffee/Tea & light snacks will be provided.

Regards,

Pam Vust, Paula Meehan, Shelagh Holmes and Shari Coward

Executive of the ADA



## ADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Nomination forms must be emailed to  
[albertadressageassociation@gmail.com](mailto:albertadressageassociation@gmail.com)

by midnight on April 1, 2025.

I, the undersigned, am a member in good standing of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Area Group)  
of the Alberta Dressage Association and I nominate:

Nominee Name	
Email	
For Board Position	

For election to the Alberta Dressage Association Board of Directors, for a one-year term,  
commencing April 12, 2025.

**Nominees must submit a photo, a brief bio and a statement about why they  
would like to serve on the ADA Board. This information will be sent to the voting  
members for their consideration prior to the election.**



## **Proposed ADA Bylaw Changes:**

The following are proposed changes to the ADA Bylaws, which will be presented for ratification at the AGM. **Proposed Bylaw Amendment #2 to add a Youth Liaison to the ADA Board will only be brought forward if the dissolution of the YDADA is approved at the AGM.**

### **Proposed Bylaw Amendment #1**

The ADA Board approved the "Senior", "Temporary" and "Honorary" membership definitions at the September 2024 Board meeting and the "Youth" membership types on October 27, 2024.

Current wording of the ADA Bylaws Section 2.2 ADA Membership Categories is written in black text, changes are in blue text:

#### 2.2 Membership Categories

The Board of Directors may designate classes of memberships from time to time, provided that such classes shall include:

(a) Senior Members shall consist of persons who:

1. Make a written application for membership using forms as prescribed by the Area Groups;
2. Are ~~18~~ 25 years of age or over as of January 1 of the year in which they wish to be a member;
3. Pay an Alberta Dressage Association fee of \$10;
4. Pay all Area Group ~~and Association~~ fees;
5. Meet all other qualifications which may be set by the Association or Area Group they wish to join.

(b) ~~Junior~~ Youth Members shall consist of persons who:

1. Make a written application for membership using forms as prescribed by the Area Groups;
2. ~~Are under the age of 18 years as of January 1 of the year in which they wish to be a member;~~
3. Meet one of the following membership sub-categories
  - a. Junior - Open to children and youth members until the end of the year they reach the age of 18. Junior members do not have voting privileges. Junior riders meet the definition of "youth" for AGLC funding under the ADA Youth Programs.
  - b. Young Rider - Open to young adults, from the beginning of the calendar year they reach the age of 19 until the end of the calendar year they reach 21. Young Riders meet the definition of "youth" for AGLC funding under the ADA Youth Programs. Young Riders have ADA and Area Group voting privileges.



- c. Under 25 - Open to young adults, from the beginning of the calendar year they reach the age of 22 until the end of the calendar year they reach 25. Under 25 Riders do not qualify for AGLC funding, but may participate in the Equestrian Canada Rising Stars Youth Dressage (RSD) national youth development program. Under 25 Riders have ADA and Area Group voting privileges.
4. Pay an Alberta Dressage Association fees of \$7 for Junior and \$10 for Young Riders and Under 25;
5. Pay all Area Group ~~and Association~~ fees;
6. Meet all other qualifications which may be set by the Association or Area Group they wish to join.

(c) Temporary Members shall consist of persons who:

1. Make a written application for membership using forms as prescribed by the Area Groups;
2. A Temporary Membership allows an individual to participate in ONE event per year without having to purchase a full annual membership;
3. A Temporary Membership does not confer voting privileges or any other membership benefits. If an individual wishes to participate in more than one ADA event per year, or receive other membership benefits, they must purchase a regular membership;

(d) Honorary Membership - Free

1. Honorary Memberships are given out by the Area Groups to individuals as a form of recognition or appreciation for their contributions to dressage, the ADA and/or the Area Group.
2. Typically, these are issued to individuals who are not actively riding or competing in the sport;
3. Honorary members participating in ADA votes, events, or competitions must purchase a regular membership;

(e) Associate Memberships

1. Associate Memberships are not an official ADA membership Category and will no longer be issued by any Area Groups.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment #2 – will only be brought forward if the dissolution of the YDADA is approved**

6.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.1 The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of each Area Group, ~~and~~ two (2) Directors-at-Large, and a Youth Liaison who are Active Members.