



# State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

Michael R. Pence, Governor

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## **Appointments Made to Indiana's Quarter Horse Breed Development Advisory Committee**

Governor Mike Pence has re-appointed Michael Gross and Randy Thompson and newly appointed Michelle Collins to serve on the Quarter Horse Breed Development Advisory Committee. This committee makes annual recommendations to the Indiana Horse Racing Commission on its Quarter Horse Breed Development Program. All appointees will serve a four-year term through February 28, 2019.

Michael Gross has served as Chairman of the committee since his appointment in 2011. He is an attorney who acquired his first Quarter Horse in 1965. He has served as a Director and Treasurer of the Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana for over 10 years, and been a 4-H Horse and Pony leader in Boone County for 25 years.

Randy Thompson, a Quarter Horse owner and trainer, has served on the committee since his appointment in 2011. He has been raising Quarter Horse race horses for over 20 years, and has been participating in pari-mutuel Quarter Horse racing in Indiana since its inception in 1997. Randy has also served as a Director and past President of the Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana.

Michelle Collins worked at Eli Lilly and Company for 28 years after receiving an Associate's Degree in Veterinary Technology from Purdue University. She became involved in Indiana Quarter Horse Racing at a very young age as her family participated racing Quarter Horses. She has served as a Director and Executive Director of the Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana. Michelle enjoys participating in the day to day training operations on and off track, and feels fortunate to own multiple Indiana and two American Quarter Horse Racing Association Regional Champions.