



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)**
State Board Meeting—Minutes
7:00 pm October 20, 2025

Call to Order: 7:09 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendee	Y/No	Attendee	Y/No
President – Melinda DeLuca	Y	Member-At-Large – Celeste Pauli	Y
Vice President – Stephanie Severn	N	Member-At-Large – Donna Destrampe	Y
Secretary – Melinda DeLuca	Y	Member-At-Large - Heather Klopp	Y
Treasurer – Morgan Winter	Y	Eastern Chapter President - Nicole Trapp	Y
Membership - Diane Brault	Y	Eastern Chapter Alternate - Tammy Risseeuw	N
Newsletter - Caryn Vesperman	Y	Eastern Chapter Representative - Jessica Kaczmarek	N
Webmaster- Stephanie Severn	N	Communications (WHC rep) - Carol McKinnon	Y
Member-At-Large – Cindy Riffle	N	JR/YR Rep – Open	N/A
Member-At-Large - Mary Hanneman	Y	Awards Committee Chair – Sandra Malott	N
Member-At-Large – Carol McKinnon	Y		

Donna made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was second by Celeste, passing unanimously.

1. Secretary - Melinda

Diane made a motion to approve the September 10 board meeting minutes. The motion was second by Caryn. The motion passed. Donna abstained due to not being present at the September meeting.

2. Membership - Diane

As of October 8, 2025 WDCTA has a total of 148 members.

6 Business members

87 Eastern Chapter members

62 General members

4 Junior members

Caryn is working on updating the new Membership Application form with the new name and logo. Nicole made a motion to keep the membership fee for 2026 the same as in 2025. The motion was second by Celeste, passing unanimously.

Diane is putting together an email to remind members to renew their membership. She will make a note in regards to the necessity to make the checks, out after November 30th, with the new name WDEA.

3. Eastern Chapter - Nicole Trapp

The chapter meeting in October included a bit fitting presentation by Felicia Sackett from Bits N Such, approximately 20 members participated.

Future activity topics will include Equine Insurance and Farriery.

A Rider Biomechanics Clinic with Suzanne Galdun is planned for March 28-29. A WHC sponsorship was applied for to help cover the cost of the clinic.

The Eastern Chapter voted for their board/officer positions. The president, vice president and secretary remain the same for 2026.

4. Virtual Horse Show

Caryn is working on a survey to send out to current and past members to help identify what kinds of educational programs WDEA could provide or support in 2026. She is exploring different software programs to use to share the survey.

Post meeting note: Caryn is sampling Monkey Survey for a month for free.

5. Voting Board Members for 2026

The list of vacancies on the board was reviewed and many board members stepped up to fill in the volunteer positions. Melinda will send out an e-mail before November 1st to all members to vote for the Members-At-Large.

Board of Directors	2025	2026
President	Melinda DeLuca	Caryn Vesperman
Vice President	Stephanie Severn	Stephanie Severn
Secretary	Melinda DeLuca	Carol McKinnon
Treasurer	Morgan Winter	Morgan Winter
Membership	Diane Brault	Diane Brault
Newsletter	Caryn Vesperman	Kimberly Barskaitiki
Webmaster	Stephanie Severn	Stephanie Severn
Member-At-Large	Cindy Riffle	Cindy Riffle
Member-At-Large	Mary Hanneman	Mary Hanneman

Member-At-Large	Carol McKinnon	Melinda DeLuca
Member-At-Large	Celeste Pauli	Celeste Pauli
Member-At-Large	Donna Destrampe	
Member-At-Large	Heather Klopp	Heather Klopp
Eastern Chapter President	Nicole Trapp	E. Chapter Voting
Eastern Chapter Alternate	Tammy Risseeuw	E. Chapter Voting
Eastern Chapter Representative	Jessica Kaczmarek	E. Chapter Voting
Committees and Representatives		
Awards Committee Chair	Sandra Malott	Celeste Pauli (supported by Sandra)
Wisconsin Horse Council	Carol McKinnon	Heather Klopp

Nicole Trapp has agreed to attend the USDF Convention in December. Melinda will ask Sandra if she can supply a basket for the convention. Morgan made a motion to budget up to \$350 for the basket. Donna second the motion, passing unanimously.

Mary made a motion to vote for the list of board and committee members as listed above. Celeste second the motion, passing unanimously.

Post Meeting Note: Kimberly Barskaitiki is now stated that she does not have time to manage the Newsletter.

6. Treasurer - Morgan

The Income Statement, the Check Register, Special Certificates, Balance Sheet and the Investor's Indexed Money Market were reviewed.

The 14-month special certificate that came into maturity in September was rolled into a 12-month certificate at expiration.

Morgan is working with the bank on the associations name change. Carol made a motion that as of December 1st Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association - WDCTA will change its name to Wisconsin Dressage and Eventing Association - WDEA. The motion was second by Caryn, passing unanimously.

Morgan will look into the logistics of depositing the membership fee checks as they will need to be made out to WDCTA until November 30th and thereafter the checks will need to be made out to WDEA.

7. Logo and Name Change Update - Caryn

Caryn, Celeste and Sandra are working on the award application forms using the new name and logo. Stephanie will have a pdf fillable form available online.

The WDEA Writing Style Guide, WDEA Branding Guide, a list of WDCTA documents converted to the WDEA logo, a list of awards documents converted to WDEA logo and the updated Membership Application form were reviewed. Also reviewed was the WDCTA/WDEA new name and logo roll-out plan.

8. Annual Meeting - Nicole

Interest in the theme "Rider Fitness" for the Annual Meeting and Award Ceremony was discussed. The weekend could be held at a spa, would start at noon with lunch on Saturday followed by breakout sessions on topics concerning nutrition, fitness, sport psychology, yoga etc. Dinner, the annual meeting, award ceremony and possibly an auction would be held in the evening. Members would be free to incorporate during the weekend any spa modalities they would like. Nicole will inquire about availability for a weekend in March at the Grand Geneva Resort or the Osthoff Resort.

Celeste is working on the awards program for the ceremony.

Next meeting is planned for the middle of November.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was second by Morgan. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:47 pm.