

# Newsletter

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		Each of these proposed bills has
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		ers, and consignors operate our
<del></del>		businesses. It is very important
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		the full impact these bills may
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Our legislative goal is to provide our CBA membership with a voice in legislative activities and proposed legislation that may affect our livelihood. It is our purpose to provide oversight to ensure that any legislation introduced is positive for the horse industry and free of unintended negative consequences.

CBA LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Upon formation of the CBA, no one would have imagined the organization would spend

nearly the amount of time or resources on legislative activities as has been required. The extensive legislative efforts of the CBA, along with our educational efforts, have been important and effective. The financial support received from

members has been crucial to the

many accomplishments.

From the beginning, the CBA has employed the lobbying expertise of Gene McLean's McLean Communications along with legal advice and support from Bill Hoskins, senior partner with the law firm of Jackson Kelly. The efforts of our legislative team along with countless hours of volunteer work from within our membership has made all the difference. Our legislative team's bios can be read later in this newsletter.

**BILL BY BILL SUMMARY** 

House Bill 367 – Dual Agency

burg, Pennsylvania; Morgan-

town, West Virginia; and else-

where. Mr. Hoskins is resident

in the Lexington office and

serves on the Firm's Executive

Bill - This bill was originally passed in the 2006 legislative session but was brought back in the 2007 session for reconsideration and changes. It was voted out of committee with mutually agreed upon changes between Jackson, the CBA and other industry organizations. Prior to being brought out of committee the CBA insisted on wording in paragraph 6 that prevents a non-litigant from being able to seek financial records and documents from any agent or secondary principal involved in a disputed transaction. The CBA and its supporters therefore, limited a non-litigant's access to financial records and documents, as they may only be required from "his or her" agent or principal. Furthermore, this restricted access applies to any transaction for any equine including prospective racehorses, breeding prospects, stallions, stallion seasons, brood- (cont. p. 3)

# The CBA Legislative Team: William A. Hoskins, III

William A. Hoskins is a member in the law firm of Jackson



**Bill Hoskins** 

Kelly PLLC. Jackson Kelly has offices in Lexington, Kentucky; Charleston, West Virginia; Denver, Colorado; Washington, D.C.; Pitts-

Committee. Mr. Hoskins graduated from Georgetown University in 1973 with a degree in Foreign Service (International Economics) and later graduated from the

University of Kentucky in 1976 with a degree in Law. Mr. Hoskins has practiced law for thirty one years, representing major commercial and business interests in Kentucky throughout his career. He serves on multiple boards within the areas of his interests. He has been honored as one of the Best Lawyers in America and is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.



Gene McLean

"As individuals we can accomplish some things. As a strong group working together, we can accomplish many things and make a difference."

IRS Building
Constitution Ave., Washington D.C.

# The CBA Legislative Team: Gene McLean

The lobbying efforts of the CBA are provided through McLean Communications whose principal is Gene McLean based in Midway, Kentucky. McLean is a former "Kentucky Sportswriter of the Year" and was employed by the Lexington Herald Leader for eleven years in that capacity.

In 1988, McLean was named Executive Vice President of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association and the Kentucky Thoroughbred Breeders Association and during his tenure was responsible for establishing the Breeders' Awards Fund and the KTDF Bonus Series that promoted two year old races in Kentucky. In 1992, McLean was selected by Kentucky's four major thoroughbred racetracks (Churchill Downs, Ellis Park, Keeneland and Turfway Park) to spearhead the formation of Kentucky Off-Track Betting, Inc. and create remote simulcast facilities throughout the Commonwealth. McLean started four simulcast facilities in Corbin, Jamestown, Maysville and Pineville over a three and a half year span that created revenues for both tracks and horsemen. In 1995, Gene started McLean Communications that specializes in association management, legislative oversight, corporate communications and Website development and management.

Currently, McLean Communications oversees the lobbying efforts of the Kentucky Beer Wholesalers Association and its not-for-profit organization, The Malt Beverage Education Corporation-whose goal is to reduce and eliminate under-age drinking in the Commonwealth. The company furthermore provides legislative lobbying

services to Houchens Industries, Codell Construction, Health Underwriters Group, Appalachian Racing, The Red Mile, The Kentucky Harness Horsemen's Association, The Moriah Group and the Consignor's and Commercial Breeders Association.

Knowing when to communicate is often just as critical as how you communicate or whom you reach out to and McLean Communications has developed a strategy for reaching our target audience in the Kentucky General Assembly regarding legislation targeted at the equine industry in the past two sessions. The CBA will continue to keep McLean Communications in its employ and refer to Gene for his expertise and experience in that arena.

# **CBA Tax News**

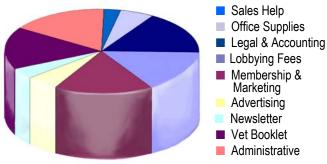
#### **REMEMBER:**

Your membership dues are tax deductible!

The IRS has recognized the CBA's status as a 501(c)(6) corporation. **Dues** paid to a trade organization such as the CBA **are fully deductible** as ordinary and necessary business expenses under IRC 162 & IRC 162

(e). Please discuss any other questions with your tax advisor.

# Where Does Your Money Go?



CBA Board members and committee members volunteer their time without compensation. In 2007, the CBA anticipates that almost half of it's budget will be spent on Lobbying Fees, Legal and Accounting Fees, in addition to Membership and Marketing. We hope to continue our Vet Booklet series by publishing a third Booklet, as well as reproducing the first two Booklets. The remaining portion of the budget will cover Administrative Costs, Office Supplies, and Sales Help.

# **Legislative Update — Spring 2007 (cont.)**

mares, or weanlings.

Without this important limitation, any litigant, in effect, would have use of a statutory subpoena to gain access to financial records and documents from many different persons and parties, even though they may or may not have been directly connected to the transaction in question. This specific issue was discussed and agreed to a year ago when Mr. Jackson, his representatives, and the CBA defined areas of concern, negotiated, made concessions, and reached an agreement related to the original Jackson Dual Agency legislation. Thus, less than a year later, Mr. Jackson has attempted to re-open the negotiations and recapture earlier concessions that had been made in the spirit of compromise. Read this bill and related articles at http://lrc.ky.gov.

House Bill 497 – Licensing of Bloodstock Agents - In another important development, the proposed "Licensing of Bloodstock Agents" legislation was introduced by Jess Jackson and his legislative representatives this session. This legislation was presented as a matter of record, but will not be pursued during 2007. This legislation, in the form presented, would require all who act as agents or consignors of equines in a public or private sale to obtain a license through the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority. The Authority would be charged with writing all necessary administrative regulations relating to the licensing and regulation of bloodstock agents and equine consignors. Such regulations would include prescribing licensing and renewal forms,

establishing licensing fees, disciplinary procedures, standards of conduct, and setting out the grounds by which a license may be suspended or revoked.

Immediately prior to a legislative hearing on the issue, several key industry participants, including Bayne Welker representing the CBA, met and agreed to the formation of an industry task force. This task force will include representatives of all horse breeds in Kentucky. The task force will work toward developing an industry consensus on the specific issues targeted by HB 497 and HB 388 (a related bill discussed below). The committee will report back to the Joint Interim Committee on Licensing & Occupations on a quarterly basis with a final report and recommendations due on December 31, 2007. This resolution kept the proposed legislation from going forward during the 2007 legislative session.

The CBA believes that the legislation in the form presented would create a tremendous risk to Kentucky's signature industry. The proposed legislation had not been presented to industry participants for consideration prior to its introduction in the legislative session. It included a number of restraints that the CBA and others believed would have a very serious negative impact on the sales scene. To view this bill as presented and other related articles go to http:// lrc.ky.gov.

House Bill 388 - Equine Ownership and Medical Disclosure – This bill was presented in tandem with the above bill HB 497. This bill would require that the owner

or seller of a horse used for racing or showing, (including prospective racehorses, breeding prospects, stallions, stallion seasons, broodmares, yearlings, or weanlings or any interest therein), disclose complete historical information concerning the equine's ownership and medical conditions and treatment. If the equine is sold at public auction, the bill would require that a failure of the seller to disclose pertinent information, or the discovery by the buyer of a material, factual misrepresentation or omission in the disclosure nullifies all claimed and implied warranties and allows for return of the horse within 60 days of the sale.

The newly constituted Sales Integrity Task Force will also discuss the issues in HB 388 to obtain an industry consensus. In its present form, the CBA views this bill as a serious risk to Kentucky's multi-billion dollar horse industry. To view this bill as presented and other related articles go to http://lrc.ky.gov.

### SPECIAL THANKS

The strong and unified response of CBA members and the support from key industry leaders played a crucial role in gaining the much needed pause for both HB 497 and HB 388. The manner in which these bills were presented also highlights the importance for the CBA and all of its members to remain diligent and informed when it comes to business in Frankfort. It is easy to think that someone else will catch the numerous potential legislative concerns that can affect our business but in reality we all have to do our part to keep Kentucky the Horse Capital of the World.

Special thanks should be noted for all the members who helped spread the word and went to Frankfort to voice their concerns. We would also like to thank the following individuals who worked on the behalf of the CBA and the industry to help us define and develop specific issues, build a consensus, and prevent HB 497 & HB388 in their present form from damaging the state's signature industry by rushing to a quick decision on complex matters. Please take the time to email or call the following individuals and thank them for the consideration and support they have shown our industry.

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#### **Consignors And Commercial Breeders Association**

## **CBA Subcommittes**

Following are the standing committees forming for 2007. The CBA welcomes members to participate on these committees and would like to get the membership more involved. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please talk to a CBA board member or officer.

#### **Budget:**

Craig Bandoroff (chair), Neil Howard, James Keogh, John Stuart

#### **Education:**

Rob Whiteley (chair), Clifford Barry, Andrew Cary, Mark Taylor

#### Legislative:

Kerry Cauthen (chair), Mike Cline, Don Robinson, Dermot Ryan

#### Membership:

Mike Cline (chair), Pat Costello, Robbie Lyons, Dermot Ryan

#### **Communications/Newsletter:**

Braxton Lynch (chair), Mike Owens, Kitty Taylor, Rob Whiteley

#### **Nomination:**

Bayne Welker (chair), Craig Bandoroff, Kerry Cauthen, Mike Cline, Mark Taylor,

#### Medication/Vet:

Tom VanMeter (chair), Craig Bandoroff, Kerry Cauthen, Bayne Welker, Mark Taylor

#### Website:

Kris Stuebs

The Board of Directors has adopted two important bylaw amendments. One moves the election of the Board of Directors to February and the second addresses attendance requirements for Board members. The complete bylaws can be read on the CBA website: www.consignorsandbreeders.com.

# Education • Integrity Service LIDERS ASSOCIATION

The CBA works democratically on behalf of every consignor and commercial breeder, large and small, to provide representation and a constructive, unified voice related to sales issues, policies, and procedures. The Association's initiatives are designed to encourage a fair and expanding marketplace for all who breed, buy or sell thoroughbreds.

## What Do You Think?

The CBA continually works on behalf of all members, large and small. Your opinion is valued and important. The CBA would like your feedback and ideas.

#### What topics would you like to have the CBA address in 2007?

Please email your comments to **royaloakfarm@speedbeam.net**. Alternatively, you can send your comments to the CBA at the address below. The CBA plans to use interactive internet surveys to poll both members and potential members about various topics in the future. If you would like to participate in future CBA surveys, please inform us of your interest by sending an email to the address above.

**Consignors And Commercial Breeders Association** 

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## **CBA MEMBERSHIP**

CBA members account for approximately 75% of auction sales revenue in North America.

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