



**Thursday, February 4, 2021
11:00am – 12:45pm ET (virtual)**

Therapeutic Riding Association of Virginia (TRAV)

2021 marks the 35th year of service for TRAV. Our dedicated Board members, member centers, and individual members have done an incredible job of expanding the reach of the equine-assisted services world, while strengthening our programs and services, despite the many challenges faced by everyone. Our program highlights are numerous this year, and we look forward to highlighting them at this year's Annual Meeting.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the continued restrictions in place around travel, social distancing, and other factors yet to be determined for the next few months, the TRAV Board of Directors made the decision to host the 2021 Annual Meeting virtually.

Notice is hereby given that the TRAV Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with an educational workshop on February 4, 2021. The meeting will be held virtually through Zoom and the link details will be shared upon registration.

The purpose of this annual meeting is to:

- Act on any business which may properly come before this meeting
- Elect board members

11:00am ET	TRAV Annual Meeting
11:30am ET	15-minute Break
11:45am ET	Informational Session with Kathy Alm, CEO, PATH International Optimal Terminology – What does it mean for our centers?

ELECTIONS

TRAV Members of record as of February 4, 2021 are entitled to notice of and to vote at this meeting. Your vote is important and we hope you will join us.

If you are unable to attend this meeting in person, please return the ballot by mail by January 25 to:

**Jane Steele
159 River Ridge Dr, Verona, VA 24482**

Please note: Only individual members have voting rights.

TRAV MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

TRAV 2021 annual individual and center membership renewals are due by March 31, 2021. Both the individual and center membership forms are available on the TRAV website:

- Individual membership renewal form (<https://travinc.org/members/renew-individual-membership/>)
- Center membership renewal form (<https://travinc.org/members/renew-center-membership/>)

Membership dues are as follows:

Individual (annual)	\$25
Individual (life time)	\$250
Center (annual)	\$35
Center (life time)	\$350

Please note: Per the TRAV bylaws, Article Three, all new and renewing Member Centers must be current members of PATH, Intl.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

Optimal Terminology – What does it mean for our centers? Informational Session with Kathy Alm, CEO, PATH International

2020 was certainly a remarkable and memorable year for many of us. We are happy to say that every single one of our member centers is still running and able to provide the amazing equine-assisted services that are so crucial for so many of the people we serve.

On November 6, 2020, PATH International and the optimal terminology resource workgroup published in the *JACM - Paradigm, Practice and Policy Advancing Integrative Health* (The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine). To quickly refresh memories, this group and initiative were organized for the purpose of helping to guide the process of developing baseline terms and definitions for dissemination and education throughout the field. The need for this endeavor was high as inconsistencies and disparities have been negatively impacting the industry by promoting confusion about the types of services being provided.

PATH Intl. suggests reading the full documents to enjoy and employ its recommendations. However, it is important to note the association does not expect immediate compliance! PATH Intl. will be updating materials alongside members, and have developed a two-year plan to educate and assist members and centers in utilizing the uniform terminology. To help with any clarifying questions our members and member centers may have about the impact of this new policy on centers and their branding, TRAV has invited PATH CEO, Kathy Alm to speak more about the policy and to answer any questions members may have.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Online registration is open and will remain so until Thursday, February 4, 2021.

Registration for both the TRAV Annual Meeting and the informational session is FREE OF CHARGE to all TRAV members.

For non-TRAV members, a small registration fee of \$25 will be requested upon completion of the registration form.

Register for the event at <https://travinc.org/annual-meeting-and-educational-workshop/>

To become a member of TRAV (available to both centers as well as individuals), please visit our website at www.travinc.org.

Continuing Education Units

This conference satisfies up to 1 hour of annual continuing education requirements.

TRAV Statement on Inclusion and Diversity

The Therapeutic Riding Association of Virginia (TRAV) states its mission as a "... non-profit formed to foster equine-assisted activities by offering education and networking opportunities to operating centers and to raise public awareness of the benefits of these activities to individuals with disabilities." To further clarify, TRAV endorses fairness, justice, and equality for all regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, religious/spiritual belief, gender, socio-economic status, or age. TRAV holds this belief integral in providing services to the population identified in the mission statement and is committed to uphold this standard as a valued tenet.