

# AGENDA FOR 2025 NHBPA CONFERENCE



## Monday – February 24

- 2:00p – 6:00p Registration – *Cypress Lobby*  
6:00p – 8:00p Welcome Reception *Sponsored by the Tampa Bay HBPA - Promenade (Outside Overlooking the Bay)*

## Tuesday – February 25

- 7:30a – 8:30a Breakfast *Sponsored by the Alabama HBPA & Charles Town HBPA – Baranoff Lobby*  
8:30a – 5:00p Registration – *Cypress Lobby*  
9:00a – 9:15a Opening Remarks by President Dr. Doug Daniels and Tampa Bay HBPA – *Baranoff Ballroom*  
9:20a – 10:50a Presentation: HISA, HIWU and the RHSA - Now and the Future with Daniel Suhr, Jay Ingle, Chris Hoskins and Amanda Bunning Kelsey *Sponsored by Virginia HBPA and TRAO*  
11:00a – 12:00n Presentation: Navigating Today's Workforce Issues and Immigration Issues with Oscar Gonzales, Will Velie, and Remi Bellocq *Sponsored by AmWest Entertainment and Pennsylvania HBPA*  
12:15p – 2:30p Conference RSVP Lunch and Awards Presentation (RSVP only) *Sponsored by EliteTurf and Embrace The Race – Baranoff Ballroom*  
1:00p – 1:15p Recognition NHBPA 2024 Claiming Horse of the Year **SPIKEZONE** with owners, Jamie Ness (and trainer), Troy Johnson and Charles Lo  
1:15p – 1:45p Recognition and Resolution Presentation to Former KY HBPA Executive Director Marty Maline with Rick Hiles Presenting *Sponsored by Kentucky Downs*  
1:50p – 1:55p Introduction for Keynote Speaker: Former KY Senator Damon Thayer  
1:55p – 2:30p Keynote Address *Sponsored by KY HBPA*  
2:35p – 3:30p Presentation: Heart of Horse Racing with NYTHA President Tina Bond and Jimmy Chaffin *Sponsored by Racing & Gaming Services and TOBA*  
3:30p – 3:45p Presentation: Gunner laCour, President CHRIMS – PGSI  
3:45p – 5:00p Presentation: Kent Stirling Memorial Medication Panel Dr. Clara Fenger, Dr. Kim Brewer, Dr. Thomas Tobin and Dr. Rob Holland *Sponsored by Ohio HBPA and Osteogenusa*

**\*Dinner on own\***

### Wednesday – February 26

- 7:00a – 8:30a      Benefit Providers Breakout with Peter Ecabert and Tammy Wright  
*Sponsored by Washington HBPA, Indiana HBPA & Arkansas HBPA*
- 7:30a – 8:30a      Breakfast *Sponsored by Iowa HBPA & ITBOA and New England HBPA – Baranoff Lobby*
- 8:30a – Noon      Registration – *Cypress Lobby*
- 9:00a – 9:05a      Return and Welcome Remarks by CEO Eric Hamelback – *Baranoff Ballroom*
- 9:05a – 10:00a      Presentation: Abijah's: Off-Track Thoroughbreds Transforming the Industry with Sally Jane Mixon and Meghan Riley *Sponsored by Minnesota HBPA and Horse Racing Radio Network*
- 10:05a – 11:00a      Presentation: Helping Horsemen through Today's Technology  
Jeff DeAngelis with Horcery Cameras, and Mike Novak with Backstretch Software  
*Sponsored by SIS, Equibase & Racetrack Television Network*
- 11:00a – 11:10a      Conference Wrap Up and Thank You by CEO Eric Hamelback
- 11:10a – 12:30p      Executive Director's Breakout Discussion *Sponsored by Arizona HBPA*

### 11:30a First Bus Leaving for Tampa Bay Downs

12:15p Post Time for 1<sup>st</sup> Race for a Day at The Races – *Sponsored by Tampa Bay Downs*

### Thursday – February 27

- 7:30a – 8:30a      Breakfast *Sponsored by Nebraska HBPA, and Illinois HBPA – Athena Room*
- 9:00a – 12:30p      **NHBPA/NHAC Full Board Meeting & NHBPA Foundation Meeting**

