



# PROFESSIONAL BIO FOR EQUESTRIAN CANADA BOARD

## CANDIDATE: **MARION CUNNINGHAM**

**Marion Cunningham** is a lifelong horse enthusiast with a deep-rooted passion for the equestrian world. Over the years, she dedicated herself to various roles within the equestrian community, including rider, competitor, sponsor, owner, groom, and breeder.

Marion's family established a premier facility that has allowed her to engage deeply with the horse community. Her farm has sponsored numerous classes and horse shows, and their involvement extends to the breeding world.

Her professional background is diverse and rich with experiences that have honed her skills in data analysis, strategic planning, leadership, and community engagement. She has served in various capacities in both public and private sectors, as well as political and special interest groups. Additionally, Marion has held leadership roles in school and equestrian organizations and associations.

Marion holds a Bachelor of Arts in Recreation & Leisure Studies with a minor in Mathematics. This academic background, combined with her extensive hands-on experience, equips her with strong organizational, interpersonal, and analytical skills in addition to her deep commitment to the equestrian community.

April 28, 2024

Wayne Burwash,  
Chair, Nomination Committee  
Equestrian Canada

Dear Mr Burwash,

I would like to put myself forward as candidate for the upcoming Equestrian Canada Board elections.

I have been a life long horseman, starting like many, taking lessons locally in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. And like many, I was hooked. I have spent my entire life involved with and around horses. I introduced my children and their friends to horses, leading to one now making a living as a professional groom.

Horses, breeding and the sport of show jumping, in particular, became not only a passion for me but also my husband. We established MarBill Hill Farm in 2010, which has allowed me to not only ride and show my own horses but to contribute to our community through sponsoring classes and supporting horse shows; like the Pony Jumper Divisions at Angelstone and The Royal and the U25 division at Ottawa and Thunderbird and to help sponsor as well as supporting several young Canadian riders reach their goals. Owning breeding horses opened up a whole new world for us and showed us a strong and diverse community of warmblood breeders across the country. MarBill Hill Farm has been hosting an Ontario leg of the Oldenburg GOV's annual inspection tour.

Canada's equine community is an integral part of the Canadian economy and many, many Canadian communities. We Matter.

Our association has many challenges ahead; from securing funding to expanding our programs; from dealing with safe sport to developing international teams. EC will need skilled volunteers and staff to tackle the obstacles and opportunities ahead.

I hope that the committee will consider my application, as I feel I can bring a breadth of experience and knowledge to our organisation; as a rider, parent of riders, volunteer, sponsor, owner and breeder.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marion Cunningham', written over a white background.

Marion Cunningham