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2016 AHA Annual Membership Convention Update

(01-DEC.-16) - AURORA, COLO. - The Arabian Horse Association's (AHA) Annual Membership Convention was held November 16-19 in Tulsa, Okla. at the Hyatt Regency Tulsa. 235 registered Club Delegates attended the event, along with 60 guests, members, and/or alternates.

This year's Convention yielded 15 resolutions, and a total of 12 resolutions that were brought to the floor for vote; the election of a new AHA President and Vice President; election of boards, panels, commissions and committee members; and the annual celebration of the Club Excellence, Presidential and Volunteer Service Awards.

Nancy Harvey was elected as AHA's 2017-2019 President, while Deborah Johnson was elected Vice President. Bob Nash was re-elected as Treasurer and Jan Decker was re-elected as Secretary. The 2016 Convention elected Officers, Commissioner's Review Panel, Ethical Practice Review Board, Judges and Stewards Selection Committee, Nominating Committee and Probable Cause Panel can be found here.

The 2016 results of the Board Elected Commissions and Committee members can be found here.

This year's esteemed Presidential Awards went to the Ames Family and Mary Trowbridge for their dedication and service to the breed and industry. Sharon Richards received the National Volunteer Service Award for her many years of service on the Youth National Show Commission and within her own region and club. More information on the 2016 Club, Regional Level and National Level Service Awards can be found online.

Club Excellence Awards are presented in three categories and then the Club of the Year Award. The three categories consist of Breed Promotion/Community Involvement; Membership Recruitment/Retention; and Club Projects. In 2016, the Colorado Arabian Horse Club won the Breed Promotion/Community Involvement category; AHA of Eastern Canada won the Membership Recruitment/Retention category; and AHA of Arizona won the Club Projects category. The Colorado Arabian Horse Club was awarded the honor of Club of the year. To see a full list of finalists, click here.

For further information on what you might have missed at Convention, including speeches, presentations, approved resolutions and more, visit the Convention homepage.

Additionally, the Convention Planning Committee approved the location of the 2017 Convention at the Denver Marriott Tech Center in Denver, Colo. and the 2018 Convention location at the Hyatt Regency Tulsa, in Tulsa, Okla.

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AHA is a major equine association serving 84,000 Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horse owners across North America. AHA registers and maintains a database of more than one million Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses. AHA produces championship events, recognizes over 400 Arabian horse shows and distance rides and provides activities, education, and programs that promote breeding and ownership.