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June 21, 2004

President Bill Hughes and  
Arabian Horse Association Board Members

Re: Regional Boundary Study Ad Hoc Committee Report

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Prior to the 2003 Convention, a resolution was submitted by the Green County AHA of Region 9. In essence, the resolution requested that "...the AHA Governance Committee study the realignment of Region 9 to allow Texas to become Region 9 and Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana become Region 19."

After discussion with staff and President Hughes, it was decided that the resolution would be withdrawn based upon the presenters being assured that a Regional Boundary Study Committee would be formed and the issue would be reviewed.

In fact, Mr. Hughes formed such a committee, the members of which are listed in the attached roster document, and the committee was provided by staff with history packets going back to the early 1970's dealing with the many regional boundary issues which have been discussed and studied by our Association on a continuing basis.

After spending a number of weeks devouring the pounds of materials presented concerning the issue, a conference call was scheduled and held on June 3, 2004.

The entire Committee was present and each member presented his or her analysis of the materials presented and the issues at hand.

The genesis of the Resolution which was withdrawn in favor of the Committee being formed was fundamentally a regional issue and not a situation which affected the entirety of AHA. While it was not the task of the Ad Hoc Committee to deal with inter-regional concerns, it

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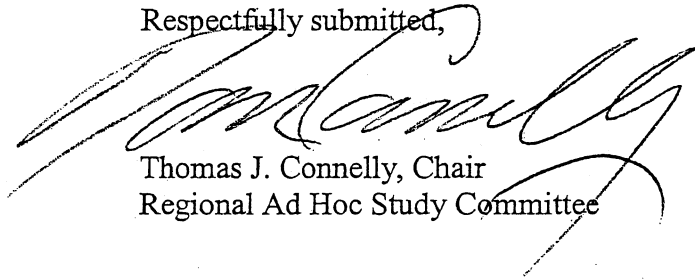
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was discussed during the conference call that steps had been taken to alleviate some of the concerns which led to the Resolution in the first instance.

On the larger issue of realignment of any or all of our regions, it was the unanimous conclusion of the Ad Hoc Committee that the disruption and confusion which boundary changes would obviously cause to regional governments and to regional membership programs led to the conclusion that no change in regional boundaries would be suggested either to the Board or to Convention.

While the Ad Hoc Committee appreciated the opportunity of addressing this interesting issue, it was unanimously held that no possible configuration or reconfiguration of regions would address the myriad of geographic, climatic and even fiscal inequities which exist in the current system. Fundamentally, it was felt that what we have is about as good as it gets.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Connelly, Chair  
Regional Ad Hoc Study Committee

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Enclosures

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

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**ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**2004 Convention Elected Officer Positions**  
**Nominee List Submitted by Nominating Committee**  
**M.A. Aboussie, Jr., Chair**  
**September 15, 2004**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
<b>President</b>	Gary Dearth (Region 8) Van Jacobsen (Region 10) Myron Krause (Region 6)
<b>Vice President</b>	Dennis Valentine (Region 8) Lance Walters (Region 16)
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