

**NOMINEES RESUMES  
FOR**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## **Have you been a member of AHA for at least the last 3 years?**

Yes

## **Have you had experience at an officer-level in growing another business or organization? Please elaborate:**

I am an attorney with over 26 years of experience in the field of mergers and acquisitions, and I have been a partner since 2007, first at Fulbright and Jaworski, LLP, and subsequently at Ernst & Young LLP. I also led the mergers and acquisitions practice for the Southwest Region at EY for over 10 years (2009-2019), which is a team of over 50 professionals. During the 10 year period that I led that practice, the team grew close to 50% in terms of headcount. I also spend a significant amount of time working on capital markets/IPO transactions, which typically involve high-growth organizations.

## **Level of expertise in financial skills with explanation**

Prior to attending law school, I worked for a year as a licensed CPA in the international tax practice at Coopers & Lybrand. My undergraduate degree is in accounting and I have worked with financial statements, financial models and other financial information throughout my career, as transactions are ultimately based on assessments of value, which typically are rooted in either a multiple of EBITDA or a discounted cash flow analysis. I interact with CFOs of our clients on a regular basis, and part of being a successful advisor in the M&A space is being able to bridge tax, financial, legal and commercial concepts, so I feel very comfortable working with financial statements and other financial information.

## **Level of expertise in organizational skills with explanation**

To successfully manage a legal practice with multiple clients, transactions and time demands requires constant organizational skills, both in terms of managing client expectations on timelines and deliverables and with respect to juggling obligations, both personal and professional. I would find it difficult to be successful without a

high level of organizational skills, and try to meticulously maintain my calendar to stay on top of my schedule and obligations.

**Level of expertise in communication skills with explanation**

I feel as if I spend my life communicating with people, whether in writing or orally, and I think communication is a skill that we can always improve on, regardless of years of practice or experience. I strive to be organized, thoughtful and aware of my audience in communications and I take a tremendous amount of pride in being an effective and influential communicator. I am also a frequent speaker at professional conferences and a regular contributor to professional publications.

**Please list your top areas of expertise and/or experience**

As noted above, I have been involved in the active practice of law in the tax and mergers and acquisitions space for over 26 years. My clients are a mix of corporations and private equity funds, and my work involves regular communication with corporate boards, C-suite executives and deal professionals. Working on transactions is also fast paced and requires quick decisions on matters that can have material financial and commercial impacts, involves constant negotiations and an ability to resolve conflicts and find middle ground on issues.

**Please describe any equine organizational experience you may have including those other than AHA**

I am currently on the board of directors of the Region 9 Youth Foundation and am also the Vice President in charge of scholarships. I also served as the Chair of the Nominating Committee this year in Region 9 with respect to the new slate of officers. Last, at our prior barn, I established the 501(c)(3) organization for the Youth show team booster club, and I was the Vice President of the booster club for several years prior to our departure.

**List your business experience in equine activities (eq. breeding programs, training programs, riding lesson programs or other related activities)**

We are relatively new to the equestrian industry, but four years ago, we purchased a stallion and formed Lallo Performance Horses, which owns our stallion, breeding mares and futurity/derby horses. We have sold 3-4 breedings to our stallion, Ashurr, and have bred two horses ourselves in the past 18 months, a Half-Arabian western pleasure prospect and a Half-Arabian ranch riding prospect, both of which are yearling fillies.

**How many years you have been involved in the Arabian industry including any volunteer roles. Please explain:**

Our daughter Riley started taking riding lessons in 2015, which was our first experience with the Arabian breed (separate from the fact that my wife Susan grew up in love with Arabian horses and had a retired gelding as a pasture pet in her childhood). Riley started showing in 2016 at the age of 7, and our involvement with the Arabian breed (and the equestrian industry in general) has increased exponentially over the past ten years. During that period, I have increasingly gotten involved within Region 9 on the Youth Foundation Board and more broadly. I also occasionally show in In-Hand classes and have won two national championships in sport horse in-hand.

**What is your ability, availability and desire to attend Board meetings? Please note this board will likely meet at least twice a year in person and remotely as often as weekly or more**

My schedule is very busy with work (and personal commitments), but I feel as if I have a unique skill set and vantage point that can benefit the AHA Board. As mentioned above, I spend my life juggling commitments, and I am confident that I have time and capacity for the commitment that the AHA board will require. Travel is not an issue, and I have standing weekly calls with many clients, so that will not be unusual or challenging to accommodate.

**Please provide your professional background/education:**

BBA in Accounting, Texas A&M University, magna cum laude. Juris Doctor, University of Texas School of Law, with honors

**What skill sets do you possess that will benefit AHA in its efforts to grow?**

As mentioned above, I work with the board of directors of many of our clients and feel as if I have a good sense as to how a board is supposed to function and the appropriate role of a board. I also have worked on numerous restructuring transactions throughout my career, and have experience with bankruptcies and other workout transactions. It goes without saying that the AHA is in need of change and some type of restructuring to turn around the declining numbers, and I have substantial experience in working with companies and boards in workout/restructuring type situations. I also pride myself on being a consensus builder while also having a view and being decisive regarding decisions.

**What specific area(s) of interest do you have if elected to the board:**

One of the main reasons that I am interested in serving on the AHA board is for my daughter Riley. She is extremely passionate about the equestrian industry and following college (and riding on an NCAA equestrian team) she wants to make a living in the equestrian industry as a professional trainer. The industry (and the AHA in particular) is in desperate need of young trainers and I feel like my best contribution to the AHA and to my daughter's potential future in the industry is to help in trying to address some of the root causes that in my opinion are causing the Arabian breed to continue to experience material declines in entries and registrations. Also, in particular, I think working western (particularly the ranch horse division) is the quickest path to growth for the AHA. The ranch division is very popular and is much more accessible than the main ring, and in my opinion, the breed should be doing everything within its power to promote the working western division.

**Do you have a “vision” for AHA:**

There is a lot that I could write here, but I feel like I have a unique perspective, as in addition to showing Arabians, we show NRHA, AQHA and APHA, so we spend a lot of time at horse shows. Of those four breeds/divisions, the Arabian shows are the most expensive and the least exhibitor friendly with respect to things like late entry fees, from the local Class A show level to national shows. As a starting point, I think the AHA needs to address this and be both more exhibitor friendly and welcoming to new entrants. I have seen a lot of what the NRHA and stock horse breeds do in order to incentivize new entrants, and while not completely comparable, I think the AHA can learn some valuable lessons from these organizations. Also, the NRHA and the stock breeds are masters at getting corporate sponsorships, particularly for their national shows. I think the AHA needs to seriously look at corporate sponsorships in order to provide both reductions in costs for exhibitors and increased financial incentives through prize money, etc. The numbers in these other organizations and the "Yellowstone" effect make it easier than for the AHA, but the Arabian horse has a lot of untapped potential and suffers from a lack of marketing in my view.

**Additional comments/information:**

I have a lot of additional potential input on topics referenced above and feel as if I could be a fresh voice on the board as someone who didn't grow up in this industry but has substantial business and financial experience (and also a broad spectrum of recent experience with other breeds and industry organizations). I appreciate the AHA's consideration for this role.

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## **Have you been a member of AHA for at least the last 3 years?**

Yes

## **Have you had experience at an officer-level in growing another business or organization? Please elaborate:**

Chief Legal Officer of a Minnesota corporation where I worked with the remaining corporate officers in determining corporate strategy, expansion options, and contracting. As owner of my own law firm, I have first hand had to be president, chief financial officer, chief marketing officer and worker. This has given me an unusual perspective in how all aspects of an organization must work together to achieve goals.

## **Level of expertise in financial skills with explanation**

Serving in the C-suite for a Minnesota company, I have a working knowledge of profit and loss statements, assessing/determining leading loss indicators, understanding of financial modeling, accounting fundamentals, and analysis of risk management. I also have been a previous Board member of the Minnesota Special Olympics which carried with it detailed financial analysis of a non-profit organization.

## **Level of expertise in organizational skills with explanation**

Having served as CLO for a MN entity as well as operating my solo law practice, I have core command skills, strong strategic acumen, effective communication, relationship building and strong emotional intelligence. In my role as President of the Minnesota Arabian Horse Association, I have ability to build consensus among differing perspectives and drive key strategic initiatives.

## **Level of expertise in communication skills with explanation**

As a consistent public speaker in the area of employment law as well as a labor relations negotiator, I pride myself on having the ability to succinctly prioritize talking points, reframe complicated concepts and ask clarifying questions.

## **Please list your top areas of expertise and/or experience**

Strategic problem-solver, ability to navigate change (and help clients also be change managers), drive strategic goals but more importantly, I have the ability to say no to things that are not key areas but say yes to things that can and will make a difference. Often what you say no to is more important than what you say yes to. The ability to be a creative problem solver versus a road block is also a critical skill.

**Please describe any equine organizational experience you may have including those other than AHA**

My primary equine organizational experience is being a show mom. Although I do not ride, I have helped both by now adult daughters through their youth careers. And, as a family, we have a strong value for giving back. To not just talk the talk, I became active on the MAHA Board to bring some business discipline to the organization. Eventually becoming President, I have overseen the organization as we have become more disciplined, more focused and more streamlined.

**List your business experience in equine activities (eq. breeding programs, training programs, riding lesson programs or other related activities)**

Again, my primary efforts have been as a show mom - which brings a unique perspective to this industry. However, my daughters and I also have done a very small amount of breeding and, of course, I am co-owner of several show horses that my daughters ride.

**How many years you have been involved in the Arabian industry including any volunteer roles. Please explain:**

Roughly 20 years from the time my daughters began riding at Cedar Ridge. I have served on various AHA committees as well as significant involvement at MAHA.

**What is your ability, availability and desire to attend Board meetings? Please note this board will likely meet at least twice a year in person and remotely as often as weekly or more**

At this stage of my career, I have fairly good flexibility knowing that some items are outside of my control (such as court hearings and mediations).

**Please provide your professional background/education:**

Bachelor's Degree - North Dakota State University

Masters of Arts - Colorado State University

Juris Doctorate - Hamline University School of Law

**What skill sets do you possess that will benefit AHA in its efforts to grow?**

Effective communicator and ability to drive consensus on key issues. Structure and discipline in selecting strategic initiatives.

**What specific area(s) of interest do you have if elected to the board:**

Broadening the base of lesson programs. Without a strong lesson program platform, there will not be a pipeline to grow the number of exhibitors or the industry. Further, I am interested in attempting to crack the problem of those who own Arabians and Half-Arabians but that are not interested in showing. I believe we are more than just a 'showing' organization.

**Do you have a “vision” for AHA:**

- 1) Conduct a rigorous analysis to better understand the root cause of declining numbers and then establish strategic initiatives for the next 3 and 5 years.
- 2) Execute on those strategic initiatives with a goal to increase both the existing membership numbers and breedings by 20% year over year.
- 3) establish a better platform to seek and really listen to new (and different voices) to allow members to feel (and actually be) heard.
- 4) establish new accountability goals to begin to eliminate some of the perceived bias in judging.

**Additional comments/information:**

I am thrilled with the work AHA has done in this last year in opening up communications through obtaining feedback as well as to drive forward the restructuring resolution in a way that allowed divergent voices to be heard. The current transparency and looking at doing things differently is much needed - and much appreciated by the membership. While there is still much change that needs to happen, I believe we are on the cusp of major improvements. It will not magically happen overnight but I see great things.



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## **Have you been a member of AHA for at least the last 3 years?**

Yes

## **Have you had experience at an officer-level in growing another business or organization? Please elaborate:**

As the Director of Business Development at iso-form for the last 10 years, my sole responsibility was to grow our business. As part of a small, tech start up, I was and remained the only person in the company handling business development. When I started this job (a new position) the group had about \$600K in sales and a handful of clients. When I retired last year, the business currently has tripled it's original sales numbers, and in some years quadrupled those numbers, along with now having a large stable of clients from most of the top medical ad agencies in the world.

## **Level of expertise in financial skills with explanation**

My position required negotiating project costs and scope and contract terms. Jobs ranged from small -- \$7500 to large \$200K+.

## **Level of expertise in organizational skills with explanation**

I spent at least 1 week/month in New York/east coast setting up meetings, giving capability presentations and trying to drive business. This all required organizing and scheduling my own travel needs, meetings, lunches, dinners with clients - as well as following up, sending proposals, and scheduling internal (and external if needed) meetings in order to work through project ideas.

## **Level of expertise in communication skills with explanation**

My entire job relied on communication skills. From getting meetings scheduled with potential new clients, giving presentations to groups, emails regarding projects, writing proposals for complex medical interactive projects/animations/AR/VR content, and reviewing contracts. Once a project was signed, I then was responsible for continuous communication with the client/s to make sure scope and budgets

were being followed. And when they were NOT, it was also my responsibility to manage these issues with the clients and resolve and conflicts.

**Please list your top areas of expertise and/or experience**

- Networking
- Communication
- Client communication
- Proposal writing
- Negotiations
- Strategic Ideation
- Somewhat fluent with numerous technologies; contacts for this as well

**Please describe any equine organizational experience you may have including those other than AHA**

My experience is with the IA AHA - volunteering at shows, helping when needed, as well as participating on the board

**List your business experience in equine activities (eq. breeding programs, training programs, riding lesson programs or other related activities)**

Our horses have been at numerous training facilities over the years, so I've had exposure to different trainers and business workings at these facilities.

**How many years you have been involved in the Arabian industry including any volunteer roles. Please explain:**

As a youth, I showed Arabians for years, at a local level. My daughter has been showing since she was 8 (she is now 27) and we have run the gamut of showing at local small shows, fairs, and fun shows, all the way up to regionals, Nationals and most recently the GCAT shows. I feel I have a well rounded view of both the lower level local fun shows and the very high level shows since we actively participate in both.

I volunteer at the local level for our club - and recently I helped/volunteered at R11 to learn more about putting on a regional show.

**What is your ability, availability and desire to attend Board meetings? Please note this board will likely meet at least twice a year in person and remotely as often as weekly or more**

I am recently retired, thus I have more flexibility in my schedule than I have had in the past.

**Please provide your professional background/education:**

I have been in sales and marketing my entire life. I began as a sales rep for a large medical publisher, and then was promoted to a District Manager of 8 reps, and 10 states with million dollar sales territories and budgets.

The past 10 years I worked for a small tech start up group as their Director of Business Development.

I graduated from Northwestern University in 1989, with a Bachelor of Science in Education and Social Policy.

**What skill sets do you possess that will benefit AHA in its efforts to grow?**

Networking, negotiating, communicating (see answer above 'top areas expertise/experience)

**What specific area(s) of interest do you have if elected to the board:**

I feel I would need to get acclimated to the current situation and needs before deciding what area I feel I could be most impactful for the association.

**Do you have a “vision” for AHA:**

The vision is for a robust, active, well run organization that supports and listens to it's paying members -- it's CUSTOMERS!!!!

**Additional comments/information:**

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## **Have you been a member of AHA for at least the last 3 years?**

Yes

## **Have you had experience at an officer-level in growing another business or organization? Please elaborate:**

President/owner multiple veterinary hospitals

Board of directors Newbridge bank 28 years

President American Veterinary Medical Association, Board of Directors 11 years

Chairman of the Board, AVMA PLIT, Life and Trust 5 years

## **Level of expertise in financial skills with explanation**

Newbridge Bank Chairman Credit, Audit, Compensation,

Wharton School of Business leadership certificate

## **Level of expertise in organizational skills with explanation**

AVMA Chaired and led restructuring of Trust and moved it to be a profitable member service organization.

## **Level of expertise in communication skills with explanation**

President of AVMA spoke to tens of thousands of veterinarians around the world.

## **Please list your top areas of expertise and/or experience**

Financial, Leadership, communication, forward thinking, planning

## **Please describe any equine organizational experience you may have including those other than AHA**

American Association of Equine Practitioners

## **List your business experience in equine activities (eq. breeding programs, training programs, riding lesson programs or other related activities)**

Have owned and bred Arabians. Current stallion is Afires Heir

**How many years you have been involved in the Arabian industry including any volunteer roles. Please explain:**

Over 50 years

**What is your ability, availability and desire to attend Board meetings? Please note this board will likely meet at least twice a year in person and remotely as often as weekly or more**

Available with notice

**Please provide your professional background/education:**

University of Kentucky BS, and MS

Cornell DVM

**What skill sets do you possess that will benefit AHA in its efforts to grow?**

My business acumen, past leadership experiences and forward thinking skills will be useful to help advance AHA.

**What specific area(s) of interest do you have if elected to the board:**

While financial stability is important, AHA must know who their customer is and what they want and need to remain in our breed. We must also outreach to younger generations and introduce the Arabian horse.

**Do you have a “vision” for AHA:**

AHA must join with other breeds and develop a political action network. We need to have a voice in Washington not only to protect our breed but to help with potential tax issues.

**Additional comments/information:**

The time is now to change the way we have managed AHA in order to reverse the continued loss of owners, breeders and riders.

# Kathleen Petrelli

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## **Have you been a member of AHA for at least the last 3 years?**

Yes

## **Have you had experience at an officer-level in growing another business or organization? Please elaborate:**

Senior Vice President and several Vice President positions in my corporate life. I not only grew membership but also product revenue by introducing new and relevant products.

## **Level of expertise in financial skills with explanation**

I have an MBA in Finance. I led treasury and finance departments at a multinational company as well as National and Regional companies.

## **Level of expertise in organizational skills with explanation**

I have a BBA in Economics and Business Law from Temple's Fox School of Business and Management. As stated, I reorganized several departments and business lines streamlining them for efficiency and transparency.

## **Level of expertise in communication skills with explanation**

As Assistant Treasurer & Director in a multinational corporation and SVP and VP at National and Regional corporations I communicated with clarity to the Board of Directors as well as the SEC, OCC and Wall Street analysts.

## **Please list your top areas of expertise and/or experience**

See bio in professional background and education section below: Vision, creativity, finance and organizational & communication skills.

## **Please describe any equine organizational experience you may have including those other than AHA**

I organized and managed the finances for the Eros Arabian Partnership. Additionally, organized and ran multiple classes at East Coast Arabian Horse Show in Lexington VA (2020 to and including 2023)

**List your business experience in equine activities (eq. breeding programs, training programs, riding lesson programs or other related activities)**

My equine experience includes breeding, managing a stallion & foals, as well as showing.

**How many years you have been involved in the Arabian industry including any volunteer roles. Please explain:**

I have been involved with the Arabian industry since 2015 when I purchased my first filly. I have volunteered at Reg 12 and East Coast shows.

**What is your ability, availability and desire to attend Board meetings? Please note this board will likely meet at least twice a year in person and remotely as often as weekly or more**

I am ready and able to do what is necessary and beyond to help take the Board and the organization to the next level.

**Please provide your professional background/education:**

Kathleen Petrelli – Biography

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Kathleen Petrelli is a seasoned financial Officer and Senior Leader with significant experience driving transformational change as Director of North America Finance & Credit Risk Mitigation and Assistant Treasurer Global Recovery at Alcatel-Lucent USA Inc, a multi-national organization, SVP, Chief Member Experience Officer, Chief Lending Officer and VP Chief Lending, Leasing and Workout Officer at S&P Global. Her more than 25 years of experience includes strategic thinking and designs, risk management, change management, finance and operations at major financial and multi-national Fortune 500 companies.

Kathleen spent the early part of her career leading national Credit Risk teams and various lending groups at CoreStates Financial Corp - CoreStates Bank NA, and PNC Bank. As Managing Director, Kathleen was responsible for lending,

syndications, and credit risk management for corporate and middle market clients growing assets over 200% and landing the largest bank participation. As Credit Officer she was responsible for approving and structuring loans and was credit liaison to Congress Financial, a debtor in possession lender, in NY.

Kathleen helped turn-around Lucent Technologies, where as Director of Global Recovery, she directed a team that recovered over \$850 million in cash and restructured over \$1 billion into performing assets. In 2003, she also became Director of North America Region Project Finance and Credit Risk Mitigation teams representing over 2565 customers in the US, Canada and Mexico. In addition to the ongoing recovery efforts, she had responsibility for all lending, including; trade financing, working capital financing, structured financing and leasing supporting over \$15 billion in annual sales and over \$50 billion in contracts. As an internal change agent Kathleen's innovative thinking created a corporate paradigm change capturing over \$500 million of additional software revenues.

As an independent contractor, Kathleen was a contributing member of the Credit Risk Committee as VP Chief Lending, and Credit Officer at AFCU where she had responsibility for all small business, commercial, consumer and mortgage lending, and Special Assets as well as mitigating risk through syndications. Employing change management techniques, Kathleen restructured and turned around the commercial, consumer and mortgage lending groups, implementing fair lending policies, process improvements, credit and lending policies, strengthen the credit landscape of the organization through processes and procedures, developing and implementing a Business development Team and Special Assets Group (workout).

At S&P Global, Kathleen was VP Chief Lending and Credit Officer responsible for all consumer products such as credit cards, loans and mortgages. While at S&P Global she implemented an auto-leasing program that grew revenues \$50 million in the first year. To offset risk inherent in this growing portfolio, Kathleen employed risk management tools developing a syndication program for various tranches of the lease business line as well syndicated sales of mortgages.



In 2020 Kathleen relocated and has been running a horse breeding business in Virginia,

Kathleen has an MBA in Finance from Philadelphia University School of Business Administration and a BBA in Economics and Business Law from Temple University Fox School of Business and Management.

**What skill sets do you possess that will benefit AHA in its efforts to grow?**

Ability to communicate with clarity and concisely; ability to see areas that need improvement; ability to create programs that are inclusive and updated; ability to compromise.

**What specific area(s) of interest do you have if elected to the board:**

I create programs that would bring all Arabian owners together and help them feel valued in today's environment.

**Do you have a "vision" for AHA:**

A vision that includes all Arabian owners in the real luxuries of the Arabian Industry:

\*Privilege of simply living and enjoying our Arabians regardless of the differences

\*Develop and share programs that the owners and members can truly enjoy

\*Help AHA to become a healthy, functioning governing body for all members and owners

\*An organization that works together as one with calm energy and is not fractionalized

**Additional comments/information:**

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## **Have you been a member of AHA for at least the last 3 years?**

Yes

## **Have you had experience at an officer-level in growing another business or organization? Please elaborate:**

Yes, I have officer-level experience contributing to both the growth and strategic direction of corporate and government entities. As Vice President-Treasury Management Consultant, I've been instrumental in advising and supporting business clients with complex cash management solutions that help them optimize liquidity, improve efficiency, and drive financial growth. My role has consistently involved strategic planning, client relationship development and cross functional collaboration.

Also in a volunteer role, I served on the Board of Trustees for the Ned Smith Center for Nature & Arts for 9 years which included a 4 year term as elected Treasurer. My contributions included reviewing budgeting and financial reporting, plus supporting fundraising initiatives, all which contributed to the centers, long-term sustainability and expansion.

## **Level of expertise in financial skills with explanation**

I bring over 40 years of financial expertise in corporate treasury management. As a Treasury Management Consultant, I advise business clients on cash management strategies to help optimize liquidity, enhance efficiency and support financial growth by applying in-depth knowledge of financial systems, banking operations and regulatory frameworks.

## **Level of expertise in organizational skills with explanation**

In my professional role, I have consistently managed complex client relationships, coordinated cross-functional teams, and lead strategic initiatives that require strong planning, prioritization and execution. My work involves organizing financial

solutions tailored to diverse business needs often under tight deadlines and budgets.

**Level of expertise in communication skills with explanation**

I have strong communication skills, including leadership level communication. I effectively convey complex financial strategies to diverse stakeholders with clarity and impact. Whether leading discussions, presenting solutions or collaborating across teams, I focus on clear strategic communication that builds trust, supports decision-making and drives results.

**Please list your top areas of expertise and/or experience**

Sales Consulting & Business Development

Treasury Management

Relationship Management

Project Management

**Please describe any equine organizational experience you may have including those other than AHA**

I have been a member of AHA since 1989. Over the years I've contributed in multiple leadership and volunteer capacities including serving on show committees, volunteering at shows, serving as a Delegate at AHA convention, managing an A rated show, served as Treasurer of the local AHA club, and hired as a ring master.

I have also judged multiple 4-H and amateur circuit horse shows.

**List your business experience in equine activities (eq. breeding programs, training programs, riding lesson programs or other related activities)**

I have always participated in the industry as an Amateur owner and exhibitor.

**How many years you have been involved in the Arabian industry including any volunteer roles. Please explain:**

I have been involved in the Arabian horse industry since 1985. I purchased my first Arabian in 1986.

**What is your ability, availability and desire to attend Board meetings? Please note this board will likely meet at least twice a year in person and remotely as often as weekly or more**

I am prepared and committed to attending board meetings. I do have a full-time job but can be flexible as long as advance notice of meetings is provided.

**Please provide your professional background/education:**

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance from Shippensburg University.

**What skill sets do you possess that will benefit AHA in its efforts to grow?**

I bring a diverse and strategic skill set that aligns with the AHA's goals for growth and sustainability. With four decades of experience in the financial services industry, I offer my expertise in financial strategy and operational efficiency.

**What specific area(s) of interest do you have if elected to the board:**

In addition to the skill set listed above, I am willing to contribute wherever the board sees the greatest need. I believe in being collaborative and adaptable, and I am committed to supporting the Arabian Horse Association's mission in any capacity that advances our goals and serves our members effectively.

**Do you have a "vision" for AHA:**

As a longtime member of AHA, I've seen the evolution of the organization and understand the importance of adapting to meet the needs of today's equine community. I support the restructuring efforts to modernized governance enhance member engagement and promote the Arabian breed to a broader audience. I am personally committed to contributing my time, energy and expertise to help AHA thrive. I care deeply about the future of the Arabian horse and the community that surrounds it. I am ready to actively support initiatives that move the organization forward with purpose and integrity.

**Additional comments/information:**

Thank you for your consideration.