

**NOMINEES RESUMES
FOR**

**COMMISSIONER'S
REVIEW PANEL**

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Professional Summary:

Over 30 years of leadership and management experience in the Horse Industry. Served on multiple Committees, Commissions and Associations over the past 25 years including the Chair of the Arabian Horse Association's Competition Advisory Committee and Vice-Chair of the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission.

Professional Experience:

Gamble Oaks Equestrian Center, Elizabeth, CO	1995 To Present
Owner, Manager and Trainer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Running an equine training facility averaging 55 horses• Training Arabian and Half Arabian Horses• Showing at the Local, Regional and National Levels• Supervising up to 7 employees	

Education:

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO	Graduated 1986
Bachelor of Science Agricultural Business	

Association Involvement:

Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice-Chair• Commission	2015 To 2020 2009 To 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trust• Trustee	2020 To Present
Arabian Horse Association Competition Advisory Committee	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Chair• Committee Member as non-BOD member• Committee Member as an AHA Director	2017 To 2024 2011 To 2024 2008 To 2010

Arabian Horse Association

USEF Relationship Ad Hoc Committee	2025 To Present
Regional Shows Restructure Ad Hoc Committee	2019 To 2020
National Show Commissions Ad Hoc Committee	2018 To 2020
National Shows Directorate	2020 To Present
Emergency Response Team	2020 To Present

Arabian Horse Association President's Award Recipient	2013 2020
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Arabian Horse Association Board of Directors-Region 8 Director	2007 To 2010
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Arabian Horse Association Professionals Committee	1995 To Present
• Vice Chair	2017 To 2021
• Chair	2013 To 2016

Arabian Horse Association Annual Convention Delegate	
• Delegate for the Colorado Arabian Horse Club	2017 To Present
• Regional Director or Delegate at Large	1994 To 2015
• Non-Delegate attendee	2016

Colorado Arabian Horse Club

• Vice President	2014 To Present
• Board of Directors	1994 To 2013
• Member	1986 To Present

Arabian Reining Horse Association

• Treasurer	2010 To 2011
• Board of Directors	2008 To 2011

United States Equestrian Federation

• Arabian Rules Committee	2012 To Present
• Western Committee	2008 To 2017

Judge's Cards:

AHA/USEF Arabian Judge	2005 To Present
• Regional/National Judge	1999 To Present

NRHA

• National Reining Horse Association Judge	2007 To Present
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NRCHA

- National Reined Cow Horse Association Judge 2007 To Present

Show Management Experience:

Colorado Arabian Horse Club - No Frills Show

- Show Manager 2016 To Present

Colorado Arabian Horse Club - Cow Horse Days

- Show Manager 2016 To Present

Holiday Hoorah Horse Show

- Co-Manager and Co Proprietor 2014 To 2023

Arabian Horse Association Region 8 Championships

- Chair Show Commission 2002 To 2007
- Show Commissioner 2000 To Present

Kevin Price - Nominee For Commissioner Review Panel

Hi Everyone. I am asking for your consideration to be on the Commissioner Review Panel. I own and operate Price Performance Horses in New Berlin, Wi. We (my wife Gretchen and I) have a 50 horse facility that trains, breeds and shows Arabians and Half Arabians in all main ring divisions. I have been a professional trainer for over 30 years. Part of that time was spent training for Empress Arabians and Cedar Ridge Arabians before going back to run my own farm again in 2008. I am a Regional/National Judge and have been a licensed official for around 20 years. I sit as a regional director for Region 10 and as a board member for APAHA. The Arabian Horse is my life and my passion. I feel my knowledge and my integrity would be a valuable asset to this committee.

TERRENCE F. SCHAFER

Education:

- Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering – University of Akron (1979)

Occupation:

- Registered Professional Engineer
- General Manager of Operations Support – Potomac Edison/First Energy. (Retired 2020)
- Former Manager & Engineer – Ohio Edison/First Energy

Arabian Horse Related Activities

- AHA Region 14 Treasurer
- Delegate to AHA Convention
- AHA Region 14 Volunteer of the Year Recipient
- Buckeye Arabian and Half Arabian Alliance (BAHAA) President
- Former Buckeye Arabian and Half Arabian Alliance (BAHAA) Secretary
- Buckeye Arabian and Half Arabian Alliance (BAHAA) Board Member for over 20 years
- Former Board Member of Arabian Horse Association of Ohio (AHAO)
- AHA Member for over 30 years
- Arabian Horse Owner for over 40 years

Other Horse Related Activities:

- Past Vice President of Central Ohio Saddle Club Association (COSCA).
- Past member Board of Directors Central Ohio Saddle Club Association (COSCA).

Personal:

- Married to Barbie J. Schafer for 46 years (Arabian Owner and Exhibitor).
- Daughter - Cortney R. Schafer (Arabian Trainer).
- Son - Travis O. Schafer (Former Arabian Exhibitor).

Chelsea Wesson

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Education

Southern Illinois University	2009
Bachelor of Science in English	
Emphasis in Education with Minor in Speech Communication	

Arabian Horse Association Experience & Involvement

Arabian Horse Association Life Member	
AHA/USEF Licensed Official – Arabian 'R' & N/R	2015-Present

Local/Regional

President of ARAB, Inc.	2011-Present
Region 11 Show Commission Member	2019-Present
Region 11 Sport Horse Show Commission Member	2006-Present
Region 11 Volunteer of the Year Recipient (Twice)	

National Programs

Arabian Hunter Pleasure Association Vice President	2016-Present
Arabian Western Pleasure Association Board Member	2014-2018
AHA Membership Committee Vice Chair	2023-Present
AHA Welfare Committee Vice Chair	2021-Present

Current Professions

Show Secretary	2017-Present
Digital & Affiliate Marketing	2023-Present

Daily Life

I currently own five Arabian horses. I've competed at all levels in a variety of disciplines, but mostly in hunter pleasure, dressage, and the sport horse divisions. I had my first taste of both club & horse show management and scheduling over twenty years ago when I was in high school by helping a friend with the club. I have been involved in the club since and never looked back. That eventually expanded into larger programs and groups. Being a show secretary has opened up new opportunities for education, outreach, and breed promotion.

**NOMINEES RESUMES
FOR**

**ETHICAL PRACTICE
REVIEW BOARD**

Rob Calnan
Cobble Hill, British Columbia
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Owner of Kingburne Farm

We have successfully bred, shown and sold our horses in both Canada and the United States. We focus on specializing in Half-Arabians for Hunter and Dressage, utilizing top European and North American bloodlines.

Past Region 17 Director & AHA Board member: 2017 -2021

Nominated for:

- Ethical Practice Review Committee



I am pleased to have been nominated and to allow my name to stand for the **Ethical Practice Review Committee**. I believe my professional and volunteer activities have prepared me for continued service on this committee.

AHA Related Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ethical Practice Review Board 2020 – 2025 : Vice Chair - Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission 2024 - present - Canadian National Show Commission 2020 – 2023 - Region 17 Show Commission 2009 – 2015; 2021 - 2023 - Region 17 Past Director 2021 – 2025 - Region 17 Executive Committee 2017 - 2025 - Region 17 Director & AHA Board of Directors 2017 – 2021 - Region 17 Vice Director 2015 – 2017 - Region 17 Secretary 2009 -2013 - President Vancouver Island Arabian Horse Association 2007 – 2013; 2021 - present - Secretary and Membership Chair Vancouver Island Arabian Assoc. 2013 – 2019 - Have been a participant/competitor at Canadian Nationals and Sport Horse Nationals - Have been a scorer/scribe at Region 17, Canadian Nationals and Sport Horse Nationals
Professional Activities related to Finance/Audit and Ethical practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retired as Site Director Cowichan District Hospital – responsible for Budget and Standards of Care within the hospital - Working part time as Hospital Supervisor – 150 bed community hospital - Member of the Cowichan Valley Hospice Task Force for the fundraising and establishment of a 10-bed free standing hospice - President of the Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia 1997 – 1999 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chair of the Standards of Practice Committee o Chair of the Appeals Committee o Chair of the Finance Committee - President of the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Oversaw the Revision of the Code of Ethics for the CNA - Chair of the BC College of Nurses & Midwives - Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for the BCCNM
Other Skills/Experiences that I can bring to this committee work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous academic/tenured faculty at 2 Colleges and 1 university in BC - Adjunct Professor at 4 Canadian Universities - Graduate work in both finance and ethics (related to health care) but transferrable to this work as well

VAN P. JACOBSEN

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EDUCATION

JD William Mitchell College of Law - 1982

BA Agricultural Business Administration, cum laude
University of Minnesota - 1977

PROFESSIONAL

Retired Attorney – Litigation
Bird, Jacobsen & Stevens, P.C.

ARABIAN HORSE INVOLVEMENT

Arabian Horse Association

- Member AHA 1971 to present
- Delegate to National Convention 1991 to present
- 2002 AHA Directors Award
- 2000 Co-Recipient, Presidents Award
- 1998 and 1999 National Volunteer Service Award Recipient
- Member Ethical Practice Review Board
Chair 1998 to present; Vice Chair 1995 - 1997
- Member Equitation and Showmanship Committee
- Member Resolution 5-90 Task Force
- Member Resolution 2-24 Governance Structure Task Force
- Member APAHA Board of Directors
- Member of Arabian Horseman's Distress Fund Board of Directors
- Past Member Youth Committee
- Past Member APAHA Board of Directors (6 years)
- Past Member Amateur Committee
- Past Member Bylaws Committee
Chair 1995 – 1998; Vice Chair 1994; 1999 - 2003
- Past Member Distance Riding Committee
Region X Representative 2000 - 2004
- Past Member Nominating Committee
Vice Chair 2003
- Past Member IAHA Mediation Committee
Chair 2002
- Past Member AHA Governance Committee
- Past Member Awards Committee
Vice Chair 1997, 1998

- Past Member National Championship and Regional Classes Committee
- Past Member Legal Oversight Committee
- Past Member Res. 30-93 Whip Study Comm.
- Past Member Youth Committee

Region 10 Arabian Horse Association

- Region 10 Director, 2001 - 2004; 2009 - 2010
- Region 10 Show Manager 1999, 2001 - 2002
- Delegate
- Horse Show Volunteer

Minnesota Arabian Horse Association

- President 1997 - 1998
- Vice President 1995 - 1996
- Director, 11 years; Director 2014 – 2018
- Member 1971 to present
- Chair or Co-Chair MAHA Fall Classic, 9 years
- Horse Show Volunteer
- Committee Chair

Owner and Exhibitor

- Arabian Horses at local, regional and national horse shows and local, regional and national endurance rides since 1970.

USEF and AHA Licensed National/Regional Arabian Judge

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OVERVIEW

Worked as an equine ambulatory veterinarian since 2020. Over 35 years experience as a professional horse trainer and consultant, teaching both clients and their horses to compete successfully at national and international levels. Focusing on developing the best of each horse and rider.

EXPERIENCE and EMPLOYMENT

2023 - present: CMH Veterinary, Consulting and Management Services. Sequim, Wa. Owner/operator. Performing general medicine and surgery. Specializing in Sports Medicine and rehabilitation while blending Eastern and Western medicine. Using my training and management skills in preparing clients and their horses to compete and excel at national and international level competitions.

2000 to 2023: Southern California Equine Veterinary Associates. San Dimas, Ca. Performing all duties of a 24-7 equine ambulatory veterinarian.

2000 to 2024: Ver Hage Farms Sequim, Wa—Sole Owner, manager and trainer competing at national and international level. Preparing amateurs for competition at every level.

2020 - 2022: East Valley Emergency Pet Clinic. Diamond Bar, Ca. Worked relief emergency small animal medicine.

2010 - 2013: Humphrey Giacomuzzi Large Animal/Equine Clinic. Somis, Ca. Performing routine veterinary technician duties.

2005 To 2008: Dr Mark Martinelli, DVM DACVS DACSM PhD. California Equine Orthopedic. San Marcos, Ca. Responsibilities included anesthesia, recovery and imaging.

1996 to 2014: Dr John Sparks DVM: Performing routine veterinary technician duties.

1986 to 2000: Employed at private equine training facilities in Southern California while competing both nationally and internationally.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

2024 - present: Member Arabian Professional & Amateur Horsemen's Association.

2023 - present: Contemporary Medicine for Health Veterinary, Consulting and Management Services - Owner/operator.

2023 - present: Member Washington Veterinary Medical Association.

2023 - present: Life Member of The Order of the Eastern Star - An organization promoting charitable work, personal growth and fellowship through the Bible.

2020 - present: Licensed as a Veterinarian in the states of California, Washington, Arizona, Nevada and Oklahoma.

2020 - present: Member American Veterinary Medical Association.

2020 - present: Member American Association of Equine Practitioners.

2020 - 2025: Member California Veterinary Medical Association.

2016 - 2020: Student Member California Veterinary Medical Association

2016 - 2020: National Student Member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners

2008 - present: Member Board of Directors Arabian Horse Association Ethical Practice Review Board.

2016 - present: Member of PEO - Philanthropic Educational Order doing charitable works including scholarships.

2002 - 2011: Ver Hage Farms Sponsored by Professional Choice.

2002 - 2009: Served as President, Vice President and Director BOD for the Rancho California Arabian Horse Association, the largest local Arabian club in California at the time.
2006 - 2008: Member American Association of Equine Veterinary Technicians
2005 - 2007: Delegate to the Arabian Horse Association Annual Convention.
2000 - 2024: Member of the Rancho California Arabian Horse Association
2000 - 2023: Ver Hage Farms - Owner
1988 - present: Member Arabian Horse Association
1988 - present: Member United States Equestrian Federation

EDUCATION

2023: Completed Clinical Application to TCVM and integrative Medicine Course - Small Animal and Equine
2020: Integrative Veterinary Medical Institute Certification in Equine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation
2020: Graduated Western University of Health Sciences School of Veterinary Medicine.
2014 - 2015: University California Berkeley Extension Program.
2010 - 2015: Pierce College Pre-Vet program.
2008 - 2009/2016: Palomar College Undergraduate.
2004 - 2008: Purdue University Veterinary Technician Program.

**NOMINEES RESUMES
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**JUDGES SELECTION
COMMITTEE**

SCOTT CHRISTMAS



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Dear Selection Committee,

As an AHA member since 2001, I'm greatly honored to have been considered to be a member of the National Judges Selection Committee.

Having been part of center ring teams for decades; I will bring unique observations to the selection committee. I have personally interacted with over fifty judges in 2025 alone.

In addition to being a good horseman, adjudicating with integrity and accuracy, I've noticed it's attributes like, rule knowledge, punctuality, exhibitor friendliness and energy making up a large portion of a good judge as well.

May I also thank you for your hard work and dedication as I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Scott Christmas

Scott Christmas

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EXPERIENCE

On The Rail show Services— Owner

Jan 2024- PRESENT

Announce and play music for local, Regional and National level horse shows, interacting with staff and judges and spectators to produce a great experience for all.

Comcast Cable — Technical Supervisor

July 1989- Dec 2023

Lead, Train and oversee a team of highly efficient RF technicians.

Providing a great customer and team experience.

Radio Personality

1982-1990

EDUCATION

Baker College, Muskegon MI Electronics Degree

Sept 1985- March 1988

SKILLS

Create an efficient but fun working environment

AWARDS

Scottsdale Presidents Award
2025- for outstanding
services to the Scottsdale
Arabian Horse Show, 9 years
running

Horses shows hired for in 2025:

Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show

Michigan All Arab

Arabian Region 12

Buckeye Sweepstakes

Showtime

Medallion

Arabian Region 13

Morgan Tri-State

Arabian Region 14

WMAHA Fall Classic

ASPC Congress

AMHR Nationals

Arabian National Breeders

U.S. Arabian Nationals

Arabian Holiday Show

Candidate for Judges and Stewards Selection Committee

Debbie Cinotto

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In 1980, I was introduced to the Arabian world and attended my first US Nationals and started competing.

Owned, bred, showed, and trained Arabians & Half-Arabians over the past 45 years.

In 1989, I started managing horse shows and gravitated to the Dressage segment of the shows.

Over the past 36 years, I have managed the Dressage/Sport Horse segment of many Recognized Shows in Region 9 as well as the Dressage/Sport Horse part of our Region 9 Championship Show.

Life Member of AHA & USEF since 1980, USDF since 1990.

Member of Region 9 and Legacy AHC of Texas since 1980.

Attended 30 AHA Conventions as a delegate.

Serve as a committee member on the Dressage / Western Dressage and Sport Horse Committees

Served on the Region 9 Board as Texas Representative for 4 years.

Currently Region 9 Director and Legacy AHC Club President.

Lurline Combs/Judges & Stewards Selection Committee
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EDUCATION:

Plus School of Business (Computer Programming) Boston, MA
Newbury Jr. College, Holliston, MA (Physician Assistant)

EXPERIENCE:

U.S. Army, Communications Supervisor, Joint Alternate Command Center, Ft. Richie, MD (2 yrs.)
Newport Sales, Office Manager (4 years)
Polaroid Corporation, Executive Assistant; Event Coordinator (16 years)
LifeClips, Office Manager (3 years)
Fresnel Technologies, Event Coordinator (4 years)

Life Member Arabian Horse Association, Shown Arabians for over 30 years
Chair of Judges and Stewards Licensing Committee, New England Horsemen's Council
Past President N.H. Arabian Horse Association
Past President N.H. Horse & Trail Association
Past Vice President, New England Horsemen's Council
AHA Region 16 Director and previously 2020 – 2024
Past member Judges & Stewards Selection Committee
Previous Member of AHA Competitions Advisory Committee

Show Secretary for Several Open Horse Shows each year
Show Office Processor for AHA Youth Nationals; Prior Canadian Nationals; Sport Horse Nationals; and
U.S. Nationals for 12 years

Kimberly Dickinson

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My goal is to serve as a member of the Judges and Stewards Selection Committee, where I will utilize my knowledge of the Arabian show world, and my experience with hiring as many as 40 judges and stewards each year to contribute input and recommendations to the show committee.

Arabian Horse Experience:

- I'm currently the incoming Region 15 Director, as well as the Region 15/16 Show Manager, the past Region 15 Director, & former Region 15 Vice Director and Assistant Show Manager. I maintain a USEF C2 Steward's License and work multiple shows throughout the year as a Steward.
- I'm also the Show Manager for the East Coast Championships, the AHANY Eastern Classic, the Blue Ridge Arabian Classic, and previously managed the Empire Arabian and North Carolina Arabian shows.
- I've served as the Night Steward at both Mid-Summer/Youth Nationals and US Nationals for the past several years and will again in 2025. I've managed the Awards Room at USN and Sport Horse Nationals, served as a Scribe, Paddock Manager, and Assistant Barn Manager at Sport Horse Nationals, Night Barn Manager at USN, and as a Ringmaster at Region 12. I've served as a Region 15 Show Committee member, the Barn Manager and Awards Coordinator for the past 22 years
- I've been a Member of AHA and USEF since 1988. I've attended the AHA Convention as a voting Delegate, Regional Director, and past Director and serve/or have served on the Ethical Practice Review Board, Futurity Commission, Equine Welfare, Amateur, Hunter/Jumper, Awards, Sport Horse, Dressage, and Western Dressage Committees
- As a small breeder/owner/and horse show addict – I've been riding and showing Arabians for the past 38 years and have been a member of numerous Arabian clubs. I've volunteered at, or worked for, a multitude of shows at every level, from local schooling shows, to Rated, Regional, & National Shows. I enjoy contributing to the success of a show and feel it keeps me "in the know" and aware of the issues on all sides - from the Organizational/Governance side of AHA & USEF, as Show Management and as an Owner/Exhibitor. I wear many hats and always try to look at things from a 360 degree perspective.

Additional Background:

I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications and Computer Science. I was an ROTC officer who then committed to 12 years of service as an Officer in the US Army and Army National Guard.

I spent 15 years as a law enforcement professional - after rising through the ranks, I left the department as a Police Lieutenant where I managed the police force as well as evening/night operations at an International Airport.

Currently I am the CEO of Equitas Consulting, LTD a small security, training, and consulting company, I manage multiple horse shows and am an active USEF C2 Steward.



CONTACT

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HOBBIES

Trail riding on my purebred Arabian gelding Snow Falcon LRA

Boating on my pontoon at lake Keowee in South Carolina

EDUCATION

Bryan Station High School in Lexington, KY – Graduated 1970

University of Kentucky 1972-1975
Business Management

WORK EXPERIENCE

Area supervisor over 18-stores throughout Kentucky
Food Town Supermarket of Kentucky - Store Manager 1971-1993

Carl's Furniture (3 stores)- Owner
1994-2003
S&S Tire - Customer Service Manager
2003-2017

CARL MALICOTE

Professional Ring Master

SKILLS

I purchased my first purebred Arabian in 2003 and have been heavily involved in the Arabian breed ever since.

I started volunteering in 2003 to work at the SAHIBA Arabian Spring Show in Frankfort, Kentucky. I helped set up for the shows and volunteered to announce and Ringmaster.

I have been a SAHIBA board member and a club delegate and have attended the AHA membership convention for many years. I Ringmaster the following regions at this time. Region 7,11,12,13,14,15,16. I also Ringmaster the AHA US Nationals, Morgan Grand Nationals, Andalusian Nations, Friesian World Show, East Coast Championships and work the AHA Arabian Sport Horse Nationals as, paddock announcer. I also ringmaster several saddlebred and Morgan horse shows. I have had the opportunity to work with numerous arabian judges and stewards at class A, Region and National level shows.

By working these shows, I feel that I have gained valuable insight into what is needed when selecting AHA judges and stewards for various disciplines. I humbly ask for you to vote for me to be re- elected to the Judges & Stewards Selection Committee. I promise that I will give it my best interest and work hard to help this committee hire well qualified judges for every show.

I have been heavily involved in the equine world long before I got involved in Arabians!

I was raised on a Thoroughbred farm in Lexington, Kentucky. My entire family were involved with thoroughbreds in various ways for many years. I remember as a child when my immediate family lived on Man O'War farm, I would get the privilege of shining the Man O' War statue! Thank you for taking the time to read my resume. I look forward To seeing everyone at the 2025 annual AHA convention soon in Reno, Nevada.

Sincerely,

Carl Malicote

MATT KWAPICH

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OBJECTIVE

Elected position to the Judges & Steward's selection committee. To utilize my depth of knowledge and experience with multiple Judges, Stewards and Technical Delegates to insure appropriate selection of qualified officials for all of our National Shows.

EXPERIENCE

Matt's depth of knowledge and experience with multiple Judges, Stewards and Technical Delegates brings a solid background for the selection of our National Show Officials.

Show Manager:

Present:

- Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show, 2200 horses, (30 + Judges, 4 Stewards, 1 Technical Delegate, 2 Course Designers (Hunter/Trail) annually
- Region 7, 450 horses, (8 Judges, 1 Steward, 1 Technical Delegate, 2 Course Designers (Hunter/Trail)
- Morgan Grand Nationals World Championships, 2014-Present, (20+ Judges, 4 Stewards, 2 Course Designers (Hunter/Trail)

Past:

- Arabian: Region 12
- Multiple Morgan Regionals
- Arabian Youth/Mid Summer Nationals

Operations Manager:

Present:

- Arabian Sport Horse Nationals
- US Arabian Nationals

Judges and Stewards Selection Committee Member/Chair

- Two terms

USEF/AHA C1/C2 Steward

Stewarding multiple competitions throughout the nation. Interaction with many Judges, Stewards, and Technical Delegates from diverse backgrounds in various disciplines.

Exhibitor:

20+ years' experience in the Hunter/Jumper and Western Divisions

EDUCATION

40 + Years working within the Horse Show Industry in multiple disciplines and positions.

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

2017 UPHA Herman Miles Horse Show Manager of the year award for his leadership and management of the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show. 2024 AHA President's Award recipient.

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**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

Karen Caughell

Candidate for Nominating Committee

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Education: Law Enforcement Diploma – Grant McEwen Community College

Profession: Retired Police Officer. Served 36 years with the Edmonton Police Service. Retired July 2017 with the rank of Detective in the Homicide Section, Historical Unit.

Personal: Married to Tony Caughell for 39 years

Bought first horse (7/8 Arabian gelding) in 1976 and first purebred Arabian in 1981. Showed at the Regional and National level in Western Pleasure, Side Saddle, Halter, Trail and SHIH. Was fortunate to own and show Fire Foxx+/, Fire Majik+//, Mexxico, KM Palermo+ and Legennd A+/. Currently own one horse - Khan Man SBA (by PA Kid Khan)

Arabian Horse Association activities:

Member of AHA and the Aurora Arabian Horse Association since 1981

Current Region 17 Treasurer (since 2008)

Current Director for the Aurora Arabian Horse Association

AHA Convention Delegate for the Aurora AHA since 1999

Committee member for Nominating, Amateur, Awards, In Hand Breeding and Working

Western committees

Past President of the Aurora Arabian Horse Association

Sally Nelson

I am an active Arabian/Half Arabian horse owner, enthusiast and competitor. I am passionate about Arabian horses and our governing organizations. I strive to be part of the future success of the organizations I serve.

Experience - Insurance

Underwriting Consultant – Nationwide Insurance Company

In my current role I serve as an Underwriting Consultant for Commercial Insurance with a focus on Construction. I work with independent insurance agents throughout the Southern, Midwest and Western states. I serve as a subject matter expert for Construction, mentor and work special projects. I have had a 40 year career in Commercial Insurance with various carriers and agencies in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

Experience – Equine

2025 – Vice President, AHA of Arizona

2021 – 2025 Director, AHA of Arizona

2024-2025 Secretary, Region 7

2017-2021 Chair, Amateur Committee for AHAA

2007-2010 Treasurer, AHA of New Mexico

I have been a small, backyard breeder for many years and have actively shown as an amateur competitor in Western Pleasure, Country English Pleasure and Pleasure Driving. I have been active in local clubs as an officer and member involved in Breed Promotion and Community involvement activities. I have served as a Convention Delegate for both AHAA and AHANM and participate in various committees. I also have worked as Show Secretary and Assistant for many class A and Regional Arabian Horse Shows.

Education

Colorado State University

Avian Science

Skills

- Creativity
- Leadership
- Organization
- Problem solving
- Teamwork

Contact

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Santa Ynez, California

Background:

I have been an Arabian horse owner, amateur/owner exhibitor, breeder and active volunteer in the Arabian horse industry for over 50 years.

Education:

California State Polytechnic University, B.S. Business Administration

California State University, Long Beach, Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Past Professional Experience:

Sales, Marketing, Management and Executive - International Business Machines (IBM)

Arabian Horse Industry Volunteer Experience:

Region 2 Director – present

AHA Nominating Committee- Member

Region 2 Show Commission Chair

Region 2 Past Chair of Youth Scholarship Committee -present

Santa Ynez Valley Arabian Horse Association Board of Directors – present

AHA Amateur Committee – present

AHA Delegate

Represented the Arabian Horse Association in the 2020 Rose Parade

AHA Market Development and Promotions Committee Member (MDP)

Arabian Horse Association Marketing Task Force Ad Hoc Committee Member

Past President Santa Ynez Valley Arabian Horse Association

Accomplishments:

4–time recipient of the APHA Amateur Horsewoman of the Year –Hunter Show Hack and Western Pleasure

Multiple U.S. and Canadian National Championships and Regional Championships in the Arabian and Half-Arabian Hunter, Western, Show Hack and Halter divisions

Candidate for AHA Nominating Committee

AHA (IAHA) - Member since 1987

President's Award - 2022
Agenda & Resolutions Committee - 2008 to March of 2025
By-Laws Committee – Chairman - 2014 to 2024
Credentials Workforce -1989 to Present
Ethical Practices Review Board – 2017 to Present (term expires 2026)
Probable Cause Panel - 2009 to 2017
Agenda & Resolutions Committee - Chairman 2010 to 2013
By-Laws Committee - Vice Chair - 2013
By-Laws Committee - 1989 to 2024
Convention Co-Chair - 2005
Credentials Supervisor - 1999 to 2004
Credential Committee - Chairman - 1992 to 1998
Delegate - 1987, 1988, 1996, 2003, 2005 to 2025
Alternate Delegate -1989 to 1995, 1997 to 2004
National Volunteer Service Award - 1995

Regional Level

Region 9 State Rep – 2003 to 2005 & 2017 to 2019
Region 9 Secretary 2005 to 2009
Region 9 Vice-Director - 1999 to 2003
Region 9 Jake Hoover Award - 1998
Region 9 Treasurer - 1992 to 1997
Region 9 Credentials Committee Chairman - 2015
Region 9 Volunteer Service Award - 1995
Region 9 By-Laws Committee - 1995 to Present
Region 9 Financial Planning Committee - 2000 to 2022

Club Level

Texas Arabian Distance Riders Assn. - President - 1998 to present
Bluebonnet AHC - President – 1988 to 1990

Other Memberships

Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP) with the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP)
Texas State Association of Parliamentarians – Director #2 (2025 thru 2027)
Acting Parliamentarian - Republican Party of Texas Executive Committee (SREC)
DFW Parliamentarians - President – 2014, 2015, 2018 & 2019
Treasurer – Sunset (TX) Volunteer Fire Department – 2021 through 2025
First United Methodist Church Decatur (TX) – 2014 to present

Personal

Married to Carla Jo Bass for Forty-Three (45) years. We own one (1) purebred and one (1) Half-Arabian horses. Retired after fifty (50) years in the electrical industry with forty-seven (47) years as a journeyman electrician and the last forty (40) years as an electrical estimator and manager.

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As an active member of the Arabian Horse Association serving on numerous commissions and committees, a former Regional Director and a current member of the Probable Cause Panel, I am currently seeking to be re-elected to serve another term on this Panel. This panel serves the great purpose of determining whether or not there are reasonable grounds to believe that an infraction of the AHA Code Of Ethics and Sportsmanship exists and I have learned a great deal about how important it is to the association to have a system of accountability in place for members who have possibly shown behavior considered to be unethical.

Please consider allowing me to continue serving in this role as someone who possesses a great desire to contribute to the Arabian Horse Association and keep our members and our sport on a fair and ethical playing ground.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

OWNER—RINGSIDE PRODUCTIONS LLC
PROFESSIONAL HORSE SHOW SERVICES (2014—
PRESENT). CURRENTLY PROVIDING SERVICES
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EDUCATION:

PARKWAY SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
BALLWIN, MO—GRADUATED 2003

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
SPRINGFIELD, MO.
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION —GRADUATED 2008

ARABIAN HORSE INVOLVEMENT:

OWNER/BREEDER OF SERENITY ARABIAN STABLES—2011-PRESENT.
BREEDING & SHOWING ON THE LOCAL, REGIONAL & NATIONAL LEVEL.

AHA REGION XI EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER 2015-2024;
REGION XI DIRECTOR 2019-2024 & REGION XI TREASURER 2015-2019.

MISSOURI AHA BOARD MEMBER 2014-2024.
SHOW SECRETARY 2014-PRESENT.

COMPETITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER—
2021-PRESENT. VICE CHAIR 2023-2024. CHAIR 2024-PRESENT.

FUTURITY COMMISSION—2021-2024.

PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL—2023-PRESENT.