

My name is Elizabeth Sharp, and I am running for the Fhana Board of Directors.

My work background is in construction management, accounting, with a bit of print advertising thrown in.

I bought my first two horses in 2003, ran for the board in 2005 unsuccessfully, and was appointed to a vacancy that same year. The first year I was the treasurer and by the second year I was the president. I was re-elected as President-until 2015 ,went off for a year and was back for 2016/17.

I think my time on the board was very well spent, our board accomplished an awful lot of things that hadn't been finished or done in years. We became better acquainted with the KFPS and their accounting systems, so we could pay our delinquent bills and get back in their good graces. KFPS and FHANA an excellent Working relationship for the entire time of my board tenure.

In 2009, our board set up and carried out a 25th anniversary celebration that had been on the books for quite some time but there was nothing prepared when we started. With the help of a couple of really great board members, Megan DeHart and Jason Tice from the office, and a lot of fine volunteers, we put together an event that has not been replicated in this country ever again. We gathered more stallions, more people, and more Friesian Horses in one place that has ever been done in the United States. We tried to have some thing for everyone ,including a horse show, an auction, an inspection with judges from The Netherlands, booths, and a dinner recognizing and awarding the First Hall of Fame members. Our guests from the Netherlands Cees Roozemon, Ids Hellinga, Fetze Veldstra, and Will Theissen were pleased with the turnout and our event.

We also lobbied for and got approved Stallion testing and ABFP testing in the US, something not achieved anywhere else in the world. We had inspections running very well every year, and successful AGMs.

The last few years has shown that the need for transparency in our organizational functions has been lacking and needs an update. As well as the ability to start at point A and work thru till the end of an

issue, instead of being constantly being side tracked, until nothing is accomplished.

I hope you will Continue to have faith in the boards ability to carry out our prime mandate, to preserve and protect the Friesian horse.

Questions.

1.Equal representation despite diverse geographic areas...

Being aware of and keeping track of membership numbers and locations goes along way in making sure that everyone gets equal representation. That is something that needs to be updated.

2. Mmember retention and participation

The only way to retain members is to provide them with the value for their membership dollars. Getting members to participate in committees and events also involves providing value and simply asking if they'd like to help I don't think too many people that I've asked ever said no.

3.Attracting amateur and youth members.

The best way to attract youth and amateur members is to provide classes at shows for them. Horse show families with children or teenagers are usually interested if there's an outlet provide

4. KFPS rules.

Adherence to the KFPS rules is very important to me not everything translates exactly and we are to vastly different sized countries, but where it's reasonable,The rules should be the same.

5. Friesian registry, our vs. others.

First ,our inspections and registry affiliation with KFPS, is a value to our members and should be promoted. KFPS provides a wealth of information and statistics to encourage high breeding values, and help avoid problematic breeding issues.

Providing Spanish translations for our Spanish members is something to get done—this year.

#### 6: Committee and chapters.

I have been very involved in committees and chapters over the years having served on most of them at one point or another as an advisor or a member and I am aware of the downfalls of committees and chapters and what you can do to try and avoid those. I think my experience in this area is more extensive than most

#### 7: Characteristics

Experience and the ability to work with a wide variety of people, and allow them to do their jobs, instead of trying to micromanage everything. Go with the strengths of your board members, and put people where they can do the most good.

#### 8.Working with and conflicts...

This is essentially the same answer as a number seven experience and allowing people to do their own job without micromanagement

#### 9.One specific goal?

Get inspections back on track. Without them , and a function relationship with the KFPS, we have no organization.

What Sets me apart as a candidate? A demonstrable record of success over time.