

Application for ABR Board of Directors 2010

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ABR Farm Member YES X _____ NO _____ Became member in 2003 (year)
AOBA Farm Member YES ___X___ NO _____

I understand that being an ABR Board of Directors member requires that I attend regular board meetings and devote eight (8) hours or more per week carrying out the duties of my position. **Initial ~~KG~~**

I am interested in being considered as a candidate for the following open positions in 2010:

President (2 year term) _____ Director – Marketing (2 year term) _____
Treasurer (2 year term) _____ Director – Programs (2 year term) _____

DIRECTOR - EDUCATION

Please respond to the following questions and submit to the Chair of the Nominating Committee no later than September 10, 2010.

When did you purchase your first alpacas? 2003 # in current herd 26 Huacaya- 26 Suri- both
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Have you every held office or served as BOD member in a corporation? Non-profit? yes___ for Profit? ___
Name/type of company: Harris County Municipal Utility District 13

How would you describe your organizational skills & follow-through?

I am highly organized and have excellent follow-through skills as evidenced by 15 years as an Administrative and later Executive Assistant. For the past 15 years I have been a very successful recruiter, winning numerous awards and recognition for Client Satisfaction. Additionally, for the past four years I have served as the Check-in and Packet Coordinator for both GWAS and Fall Festival and have received excellent feedback from exhibitors as to the ease and quickness of the check-in process.

What Committee leadership or Board roles have you held in ABR [Required for President by By-Laws]?

I have served the past three years as the ABR representative on the AOBA Affiliate Grants Committee and have served in 2009 and 2011 on the National Show Committee for AOBA. In March, 2010, I accepted the very difficult role of Nominating Committee Chairperson for AOBA after the first appointed committee resigned en masse. Because of the success of our committee work under very difficult and stressful conditions, I have been asked by Bill Johnson, AOBA President to be Nominating Committee Chair for AOBA for the 2011 elections.

What are the three (3) most important issues that you feel ABR should address in the next 2 years?

- 1) The Future of the Alpaca Fiber Industry – It is imperative that we begin to build a commercial market NOW!!! (In reality, this could be my top three picks)
- 2) Camelid Health – how do we face future threats to our herds? Are we intervening too much? Are we not doing enough?
- 3) Marketing alpacas in a “down” market – changing the paradigm – realizing that the market we started with 10 years ago is not the market we need to target today!

What particular skill sets would you bring to the ABR BOD?

Beyond my organization and follow-through skills that I have already documented, I think outside the box and don't have any preconceived notions about "we've never done it that way before, so we can't do it that way now". I also am convinced that we can get significant grant money for our educational programs since we have never tapped the Grants Committee for those types of funds. Although I could not vote to award grant money to ABR, I can certainly be the voice of ABR in arguing FOR awarding the money. Anyone who has worked with me knows that I am passionate when I take on a project – I believe that you GO BIG or GO HOME – no slackers, whiners or negative people allowed. Positive enthusiasm, passion for the project and determination to get the job done are all things I would bring to this role.

Your response to the above will be sent to the ABR Farm Members with the ballot for the election. Please limit your total response to two pages, please. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Thomas, Chair of the Nominating Committee, suzanne@snowmountainalpacas.com, 720-685-0063, or Kim Sawyer, ABR Past President, Kim@tapestryalpacas.com, (303) 699-0997