

Name: *Mary Madison*

Farm Name: *Cherry Creek Alpacas*

Address: *14056 E. Cherry Creek Road, Larkspur, CO 80118*

Email: *alpacatechservices@yahoo.com*

ABR Farm Member: *yes 2008*

AOBA Farm Member: *yes 2009 and 2002*

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. /s/

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

x Treasurer (2 year term)

When did you purchase your first alpacas: *2001* # in current herd *15* Huacaya *15*

Have you ever held office or served as BOD member in a corporation? Non-profit: *yes*

Name/type of company: *Business for the Arts; Sankofa Arts Alliance; City Of Berwick Art Gallery; Advisory Board Daniels School of Business, University of Denver.*

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

Well developed organizational skills. Self-motivated follow-through generally high. Can become frustrated with unproductive delays. I however, live by the Serenity Prayer: if I can do something about it, I will. If not, I accept and move on. The challenge is indeed staying clear about which is which.

What Committee leadership or Board roles have you held in ABR?

Currently serve as Chair of Fiber Committee. Have participated in various ad hoc committee activities.

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

- 1) Begin honest discussion on what it will take to garner involvement and commitment from a larger portion of the ABR membership across the state and in affiliate member states.*
- 2) Take active leadership role in examining collaborative/co-operative implications of fiber products, applications, distributions at both cottage and commercial market levels.*
- 3) Initiate examination and discussion on implications of rapidly increasing number of non-breeding/lesser quality livestock. Implicit in this discussion is the question of industry responsibility for the livestock we produce.*

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

My skill set results from a combination of education, corporate positions and personal interests. I have an Undergraduate Degree in Business Administration and a Masters Degree in Organization Development. I recently completed an Associate Degree in Veterinary Technology and passed State Board Certification as a Veterinary Technician. My work experience includes executive positions in government agencies and for profit corporations each with budget and staffing responsibilities. I have owned and operated a Pottery Studio, a Gift Shop and a Bed & Breakfast .

I am skilled in organizational assessment; conflict resolution, small business development, financial planning, budget preparation and long range goal implementation.