

Application for ABR Board of Directors (Term 2023-2024)

Name: Debbie Cochran

Farm Name: Four C's Ranch

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ABR Farm Member YES X NO Became member in 2018 (year)
AOA Farm Member YES X NO

I understand that being an ABR Board of Directors member asks that I attend regular board meetings and have the potential of two (2) hours or more per week carrying out the duties of my position. Initial: DC

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

 President (2 year term) Director – Membership/Communication (2 year term)
X Treasurer (2 year term) Director – Education (2 year term)

When did you purchase your first alpacas 2009 # in current herd 20 Huacaya Suri Both X

Have you ever held office or served as BOD member in a corporation? No Non-profit?

Name/type of company:

How would you describe your organization skills & follow-through? *I am currently a Supervisor in a Budget office for a federal agency with a \$45M budget. I manage staff and resources daily, ensuring planned expenditures are executed according to plan and provide research for anomalies and issues. We must adhere to full cost recovery which requires me to monitor revenues and expenses comparing to budget formulation. We are responsible to our customers for due diligence in exercising the most cost effective resources. I am responsible for preparing and presenting the monthly budget reports to management. I regularly follow up with divisional managers for adhering to due dates and contacting customers.*

What Committee leadership or Board roles have you held in ABR? *None*

What are the three (3) most important issues that you feel ABR should address in the next 2 years? *I believe we need to work on attracting new members, marketing the alpaca industry, and fiscal responsibility to ensure our resources are used in the most efficient way and explore ways to replenish.*

What particular skill sets would you bring to the ABR BOD? *I have 30+ years of Budget and Accounting skills and I am always looking for ways to reduce costs, efficient use of resources, and new opportunities.*

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Kandi Gunning

Kazimir Andes Alpaca Ranch (KAAR)

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ABR and AOA member and became a member of ABR in 2019 and AOA in 2019

I understand that being on the ABR Board of Directors (BOD), I will be asked to attend regular meetings and the potential of approximately 2 hours or more per week to attend the duties associated with the position of Director of Education for 2 years with term starting January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2025. **KG**

I am interested in being considered as a candidate for Education Director (2-year term)

I purchased my first alpacas in 2019 and in my current herd I have 11 Huacayas

I have not served or held office as a BOD member in a corporation or a Non-profit

I have not held any committee leadership or ABR board roles

I would describe my organizational skills as excellent. A key factor is due to my experience in the US military in the field of combat search and rescue. It was critical to practice very effective organizational skills in collaboration with team members and civilian counterparts to save lives.

My follow through is excellent, with a strong ability to keep a goal in mind and follow it through to accomplish it either by me or by leading a team.

My second career as Rehabilitation Counselor in the mental health and drug addiction field also provided me an opportunity to continue to improve my organizational and follow through skills. I facilitated comprehensive and effective treatment planning and support services for clients and their family members to navigate effectively to support treatment goals and self-sufficiency in their environment and society.

The 3 most important issues I feel ABR needs to address in the next 2 years are: (1) acquire corporate sponsorships to pay for educational opportunities and classes for ABR members, new alpaca owners, the public and the industry; (2) attempt to balance the show communities with the fiber producing hobbyists and the manufacturing community; (3) promote fiber as a major contender in the fiber manufacturing industry as a viable quality and quantity commodity in the USA.

The particular skill sets I will bring to the ABR BOD are promoting teamwork with active participation; facilitating effective strategies and marketability of fiber in our region; working cooperatively with Board members, ABR/AOA members, the public and the state/county entities regarding the alpaca fiber industry; collaborate with the community to

maintain an active volunteer presence to allow ABR/AOA members to focus more time on the promotion their businesses, the alpaca industry as a whole and educating the public on the value of alpaca fiber, and to ensure economic security in future USA markets.

Application for ABR Board of Directors (Term 2023-2024)

Name: Robin Robison

Farm Name: Red Desert Ranch

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ABR Farm Member YES NO Became member in 2021

AOA Farm Member YES NO

I understand that being an ABR Board of Directors member requires that I attend regular board meetings and devote six (6) hours or more per week carrying out the duties of my position. Initial: RR

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

President (2 year term) Director – Membership/Communication (2 year term)
 Treasurer (2 year term) Director – Education (2 year term)

When did you purchase your first alpacas 2014 # in current herd 33 Huacaya Suri Both

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

Name/type of company: Red Desert Services, Inc. (Treasurer), non-profits: ABR, RS Hockey Assoc, RS Gymnastics, worked closely with BOD of YWCA of Sweetwater County (as their Accountant), and BOD of Ten Mile Water & Sewer Dist (as their Accountant)

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

I am accustomed to living by deadlines, I try to schedule tasks and follow that schedule. As an accountant, I am aware of the need to finish projects in a timely manner.

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

I have been the Membership/Communications Director for 2022

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

1. Low membership numbers - I would like to be able to attract former members back, but I feel like there's a lot of potential with newer owners who aren't aware of the benefits we offer members.
2. Lack of participation – I would like to see members more active in the organization. If we can attract new, enthusiastic members I think that would help.
3. Meeting the needs of the members – I feel like the current BOD has been diligent in trying to listen to what the members are asking for and incorporating that into our offerings, and I would like to see a continuation of that.

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

I'm good at social media marketing and advertising. I am a team player and try to support others as much as possible. I understand the financials and non-profits and feel like I can help make responsible decisions for the organization.

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