



To All Region 14 Members,

January 17, 2021

I feel as your regional director; I have an obligation and responsibility to keep you informed, as to what is happening in our association.

Please note, there has not been much activity since our AHA Annual Membership "Virtual" Convention. I would also like to thank all the delegates who attended convention, this was an increase in delegates over the past couple of years.

Newly Elected AHA Executive Committee Members

President *Deborah Johnson*
Vice President *Lisa Blackstone*
Secretary *Jan Decker*
Treasurer *Dave Corning*

Below are new changes to the 2021 handbook.

1. Handbook Revised Change to Working Hunter Scoring
2. Performance Halter Placing defined
3. Approve 2021 Handbook

We are saddened to announce the passing of Shirley Nowak, one of Region 14 most acknowledged members and the passion she had for the Arabian Horse! Shirley was born in 1929 in Lakewood, Ohio to Howard and Betile Benham. She grew up in Olmstead Falls and she has lived in Medina County for the last 60 years of her life. Shirley fell in love with horses at a very young age and won many awards and accolades while showing horses over her lifetime. Over the years she judged or stewarded a host of major shows in both the US and Canadian Nationals, Pinto Nationals, Friesian Nationals, Morgan Grand Nationals, and the Star World Show. She was inducted into The Region 14 Hall of Fame in 1985 and the Arabian Horse

Association (AHA) Judges Hall of Fame 2007. Shirley also judged and stewarded with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) spanning from the 80's to 2013 where she once held a seat on the board of directors. Shirley also was an avid quilter, she enjoyed embroidery and cross stich. She is survived by her sons, Carl (Cindy) Nowak and Robert (Julie) Nowak; granddaughter, Carla (Brian) Wolfe; and great grandson, Parker Wolfe, sister, Claire Ernhart; niece, Roberta (John) Shaw; nephew, Alan (Cathy) Ernhart; along with many friends. Shirley is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Nowak. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Medina County SPCA, 8790 Guilford Rd, Seville, OH 44273.

I encourage every member within our region to please pass information along to Jennifer Tucker; of all activities, events, etc. that your clubs have planned so we can publish it in our AHA Regional Insider news, we cannot announce things if we are not aware of them and this is a great way to get it out to the Arabian Horse Community....

I also would like to challenge every club to reach out and recruit a new member, we need to really think outside the box, and do more community outreach at the grass roots and local level, to bring new members into our industry and to market the wonderful Arabian horse to the user-friendly equine enthusiast. There are tons of equine enthusiast out there that have not been introduced to the Arabian horse. So do your part as an Arabian owner, breeder, member or just a lover of the Arabian horse and let's promote the Arabian and Half-Arabian horse to the equine enthusiast that have not yet discovered them!

I would also like to give a big shout out to everyone on the Region 14 awards committee, for all their hard work, time and effort in the changes they have for our upcoming awards program!

Please read below the following email I received from the "LLITF" Local Level Involvement Task Force committee chair Michelle Werts.

Dear Regional Directors,

We are excited about the new Local Level Committee and are asking for your help in recruiting new members to help execute the exciting projects we have in the works for 2021!

Our goal is to have representatives from each AHA Region participate on the Local Level Committee to bring ideas as well as help implement the programs created by the committee in their respective Regions. ***The ideal committee member is passionate about the Arabian horse, enjoys sharing Arabian horses with new people, will attend monthly calls and is willing to take a leadership role on Local Level projects.***

The Local Level Committee's Mission: "To bring people to the Arabian horse through local outreach."

Our History: In 2019, AHA formed the Local Level Involvement Task Force and at the 2020 AHA Convention, the Task Force was given standing committee status and became the Local Level Committee. Our first major project was the 2019 Meet an Arabian Horse Day, which was a success nationwide. In 2020, Meet an Arabian Horse went virtual and we developed a variety of online stories, handouts, and other materials available on the AHA web site during the long months of quarantine. In 2021, we have a variety of programs in development that we would like to implement and are looking for new committee members to help us do that!

If you know someone who would be a good fit for the Local Level Committee, please forward their name and contact information to me and we will follow up with them. Or feel free to forward the attached membership application and return to Michelle Werts, Committee Chairman, via email at Michelle@PerspectiveFarms.com.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email or phone. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Michelle Werts
AHA Local Level Committee Chair
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We hope and pray that this will all soon pass, and we can get back to our normal lives and association structure, please stay safe and continue to support our wonderful Arabian Horse.

Sincerely,
Jeff Caldwell
Director Region 14