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Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to answer these questions so that the voters can get to know me better.

I feel that the 3 most pressing issues facing the CBUSA are :

Membership, Inclusion, and Integrity.

My ideas for these 3 issues are:

-to establish a mentorship platform for experienced members to share and encourage new members, breeders, and interested parties with their knowledge.

-welcome packets to make new members feel included and give direction.

-name tags at the annual meeting with names and farm names to put a face with names from social media etc.

-full transparency in all actions of the association to encourage a better fellowship and unity.

-a new member breakfast at the annual meeting to address questions of new members and send an inviting message of fellowship.

My opinion on the number of hours needed each week are that the elected member should be willing to dedicate whatever amount of time it takes to obtain the success of the BOD for the CBUSA.

I can contribute a fresh and logical perspective that will included all members to look beyond personal differences. I am calm in conflict and resolute. My personal characteristics that have served me as a realtor and property manager for 26 years will allow for an ability to work through difficult problems to insure that the needs of the association are provided for. I am very much a voice of reason that can look at all sides and find unity for all.

I have a passion for the continuation of this majestic breed and continually promote myself as an ambassador for the Clydesdale breed by establishing my personal farm, High Limit Farm LLC, and have created a new driving club in Northwest Missouri. I love sharing my passion for this breed we all love, the Clydesdale, and I hope to continue its long success into the future.