

CURRENT BOD QUESTIONS FOR UPCOMING ELECTION

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1. What are the 3 most pressing issues facing the Clydesdale Breeders of the USA?

These are the three most pressing issues I believe we are currently facing:

(1) Communication and uniting our membership and association to move forward.

(2) Use of committees. (I've seen some slight improvement recently)

(3) Following by-laws.

2. What are your ideas for solutions for the 3 most pressing issues facing the CBUSA?

(1) The Board of Directors should have better communication with membership. In years past we had newsletters sent out, and quarterly The Lead Horse. At some point we should have a secretary, one that is dedicated to helping communicate to our membership and promote the Clydesdale horse. I am happy to see the BOD meetings by teleconference once a month, instead of twice a year.

(2) We need to use our committees and have our membership involved. This has always been the great thing about our association, the willingness of our membership to help each other and the breed. Serve on a committee to have your voice heard and get the membership involved by participating in events.

(3) We have by-laws in place and we run our meetings by Robert's Rules of Order. I have never seen another annual meeting like ours in 2019. I don't want to see another either. We need to have a Parliamentarian as in the past to make sure we follow our membership's by-laws and the rules of order. A secretary should also be able to effectively organize meeting and document minutes.

3. How many hours a week should BOD members be prepared work for the association?

You can not put a set number of hours dedicated to our organization. I know I will put in as many hours that is needed. Some weeks that may be a few, some it may be a full time job. This BOD has a lot of work to do, and I'm glad to see more meetings then just 2-3 a year.

4. What skills/abilities do you have that qualify you to serve on the BOD?

As you can find on my resume I submitted, I have served on several committees for the CBUSA and other boards in the past. For the CBUSA, I have served on the finance, sale, prefix, and historical committees. Currently I am serving on the sale committee. Finance committee was the hardest and we spent many hours going over the budget for the year.

I know Robert's Rules of Order; my father was a past parliamentarian for many years for our association. Sitting beside him at our meetings and being a part of other well organized associations, I'm very knowledgeable in Robert's Rules of Order.

5. In one paragraph, describe why you chose to run for this office?

1985 was my first annual meeting, I was only 14, but I knew then I wanted to serve on the board of directors for the CBUSA. The Clydesdale horse has given me so much; my

family has had Clydesdales for 50 years. I have a passion for the history and pedigrees of our breed. Recently I've seen more promotion on the versatility of the breed and I think we should continue with these promotions and would love to expand on these. I was happy to volunteer my time at Horse Progress Days in 2018 by setting up a booth for the CBUSA and promoting our breed and our World Show. It is important that we continue to promote the Clydesdale as a working horse. I feel like we could be doing more with social media by keeping the membership involved and up to date. I would also like to make sure that we continue mailings as our membership is diverse in location and age and some people may not have access to online information. As a perspective board member we need to work together to move the association forward. Most of all the BOD and membership needs to remember it is about the CLYDESDALE HORSE.