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Dear Directors,

The TWHBEA Nominating Committee has nominated me to serve as the 2008 President of our association. This is a great honor, but it also comes with great responsibility which I take very seriously. Our industry is at a crossroads, and we have the opportunity to change the direction we are headed. I believe that with new leadership we can restore TWHBEA to financial stability. We must protect the integrity of our Registry, promote *all* segments of the breed, and be of service to our entire membership. The focus of all of our decisions should be about the horse!

I would like to share my background with those of you who do not know me personally.

From my earliest days of childhood, I have been involved with Tennessee Walking Horses. While my family was primarily interested in show horses, my interest turned toward broodmares and the halter division. Some of my proudest moments at a young age were winning the TWHBEA National Futurity Weanling Stallion class, and my family's many wins in the Mare and Foal class at the Celebration.

In the early 80's, my passion for the horses and the shows went in a different direction. I became a horse show photographer and served as the official photographer for countless shows, including the TWHBEA National Futurity, the Celebration and the International.

After retiring from photography in the mid 90's to help with my family's business, I became active on several boards, and have served as a TWHBEA director from Tennessee, as President of the Walking Horse Owners' Association, and Chairman of the National Horse Show Commission. Through these involvements, I have seen many changes in the industry. My experience and compassion for all disciplines of our breed have allowed me to make objective and fair decisions.

My passion for the Walking Horse is based upon my experiences from shows and friendships I formed throughout the years. From serving on committees to spearheading youth events to managing horse shows, I have always been active in the Walking Horse industry.

Like many of you, one of my greatest personal joys is the care and riding of my pleasure horses at home. Our horse is our greatest marketing tool. We must positively promote our breed to all areas of the nation and the world.

My dedication to our breed, and those whose lives and livelihoods are based on it's growth and prosperity, make me an ideal candidate to lead our industry into the future. I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
David Pruett