

I have been nominated to serve as the TWHBEA VP for Fiscal/Admin and would appreciate your vote and support.

I began my involvement with horses while living in Texas in 1984. An unregistered Appaloosa started it off followed by a quarter horse. After a year my wife, Karen, and I tried a gaited horse and bought one. Soon afterward the fight between who got to ride the Walking Horse and who would get stuck with the Appaloosa on our trail rides led us to our second Walking Horse in an effort to save our marriage. A year later that second horse, Count Ebony, became our first show horse once we learned there was such a thing as a show. Count was our lite shod, model, heavy shod, western, park pleasure, and AOT horse for several years before he returned to being my trail horse. A true testimony to the patient nature of our breed!

Since Count we have had the pleasure of owning and showing over a dozen padded and flat shod show horses - even raised a couple that made it to the ring. Along with showing, breeding and trail riding, I had the privilege of owning a breeding and showing barn with the first member of the TWHBEA, the late Dr. J. B. Landress. I also served as President of The Big D Charity Horse Show as well as funding and putting on the McKinney Fall Show for two years to help support our Texas circuit when we were losing shows. I have served on the state TWH boards for Texas, Alabama, and Georgia when my job would take my family to other states.

As to my non-horse career, with the exception of one year with Zig Ziglar in 1989, I have spent the last 25 years in the residential home business with three different publicly-traded companies. Having held positions in construction, sales, and management, I have thoroughly enjoyed helping thousands of people realize the American Dream of home ownership. For the last 20 years I have been responsible for running city divisions or multi-state regions from the size of 30 people and revenues of \$25 million to the size of 250 people responsible for over \$300 million in revenue.

Regardless of the responsibility, the mission is always the same. Only a well focused and empowered team gets the job done. You can't do it alone. Second, meet expectations or someone else will. Third, do what is right for your customer and your employees and you will be profitable.

Why I am asking to serve on the Executive Committee is quite simple. I am very concerned that our splintering goals and agendas are precariously close to bankrupting our Registry. I can be of value by bringing my business background to my horse passion. I will bring an attitude of creating focus on the Registry, financial responsibility, and promoting every discipline of this versatile and dynamic breed. I am also adamant that every discipline makes its own criteria, period. I do not want to tell someone else how to do something from the outside looking in, and I do not want to be treated that way either.

Finally, I would like this question answered before any path is taken or any decision made. What is right? No one member or officer is "the Registry". We are only stewards of "the Registry". Act responsibly.

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