

AHA Convention

Reno Nevada - November 16-22, 2009
Report by Terry Johnson, Region 17 Director

The Region 17 Delegates that attended were

Gerald McDonald - VIAHA
Karen Caughell, Gary Millar, Carla Jackson, Lorne Robertson - Aurora AHA
Laurie Mostowich, Nan Harrison - Calgary AHA
Marcia Friesen - Manitoba AHA
Terry Johnson - Director

The total number of AHA Delegates attending was 334, up from 2008.

RESOLUTIONS

There were 19 Resolutions considered:

13 were approved, 3 were withdrawn and 3 were defeated.

Approved resolutions

- 01-09 Bylaw change regarding BOD
- 02-09 Handbook Latitude
- 03-09 Add Cerebellar Anisotropy to AHA Code of Ethics
- 04-09 Disclosure of Lavender Foal Syndrome to AHA Code Of Ethics
- 05-09 AHA/USEF Committee instructions
- 06-09 Exceptions for shows regarding CPR personal
- 08-09 Tying stirrups to equipment
- 09-09 Sport Horse in hand scoring procedures.
- 12-09 Saddle Seat Equitation Change
- 13-09 Park Horse Specifications
- 14-09 Classification of Select Rider classes
- 17-09 Equitation Qualification
- 18-09 Full top 10 at Nationals regardless of number of entries

Details at http://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/convention/2009/docs/09Conv_Approved_Resolutions.pdf

Withdrawn

- 07-09 Shoe Pad Regulation
- 10-09 Sport Horse in-hand Split between Dressage and Hunter/Jumper Types
- 11-09 Sport Horse under Saddle Split between Dressage and Hunter/Jumper Types

Defeated

- 15-09 North American Halter judging procedure
- 16-09 Sport Horse under saddle Qualification
- 19-09 Tabulation by MOS in Halter Scoring

If you want more specifics, [please don't hesitate contacting me.](#)

Unfortunately the Sport Horse splits were withdrawn from the resolutions, so we are not able to split the Sport Horse Classes.

Check out the Daily Updates with Pictures from the Convention at

<http://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/convention/2009/dailyupdate/dailyupdates.asp>

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Each year I have the privilege of nominating 2 AHA Regional Volunteers; this is designed for the people who volunteer countless hours and are very instrumental in assisting with running the Region.

In 2008, **Karen Caughell** and **Wally Goertz** were presented this award.

In 2009, I was very pleased to nominate **Lorne Robertson** and **Kimberly Toye** for this award. They received the AHA Regional Volunteer award at this Convention.

CONGRATULATIONS!

As some of you know **Gerald McDonald** is the Chair of the Canadian National Show Commission, NEOPS and AHA Budget and Finance Committee. We were very proud of **Gerald** who not only won the **National Volunteer Award** but was also presented the very prestigious **PRESIDENT'S AWARD!!**

SUPER CONGRATULATIONS!

Club Presidents, remember that you are eligible to nominate several members for Local level volunteer awards; please take advantage of this.

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The **Calgary Arabian Club** was a top 3 contender for 2009 in both the Breed Promotion & Community Involvement and the Communication categories, and won the Breed Promotion category and \$500. CONGRATULATIONS!

The **Vancouver Island Club** was a top 3 contender in the Communication category but unfortunately did not win. CONGRATULATIONS!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Scott Benjamin did a wonderful presentation on Arabian Horses at the Convention. It was superbly received. Great job Scott.

We have very great people in our region that work very hard for us. We also have great clubs that are working to increase breed growth and the awareness of the Arabian Horse. You are all to be commended.

REGION 17 WILL HOST THE 2011 AHA CONVENTION IN VANCOUVER !

We are now putting together a committee to organize this and soon will be establishing committees for Planning, Sponsorships, Media, etc. We are working with AHA and Tourism Vancouver and will need a great deal of help to make this a successful Convention. If you would like to be a part of this, please let me know.

We will also be looking for volunteers, sponsorships, items to put in convention bags, (barn calendars, writing tablets, pens etc). If you have **anything** to contribute, [please contact me](#).

WORKING WITH AHA

If anyone has any concerns, our representatives on AHA Committee's are:

Karen serves on Amateur Committee and Regional & National Classes Committee,
Awards and Convention Planning

Lorne serves on the H/J, Sport Horse, Working Western and Equine Stress Committees
and Convention Planning

Carla serves on the Professional Horseman's and Convention Planning

Nan works on the Endurance and Distance riders, Equine Stress Committees and
Convention Planning

Gerald is the Canadian National Show Chairman, and is chairman of NEOPS, AHA
Budget and Finance Committees and Convention Planning

Gary is on the Market Development Committee and Convention Planning

Laurie is on the Amateur Committee, Sport Horse Committees & Convention Planning

Marcia is on the Sport Horse Committee and Convention Planning

I am on Youth, Equine Stress, Sport Horse Committees and Convention Planning

Contact information for officers is at <http://www.region17.com/officers.html>

DONATIONS FOR THE ARABIAN COMMUNITY

The **Arabian Horse Galleries** is scheduled to open in April of 2010 in The Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington Kentucky. Region 17 has donated \$1000 to the Arabian Galleries. We will have our name "**Region 17 and Western Canada**" etched on the Galleries Wall. In case you are not aware, the Galleries have been built as a tribute to the Arabian horse and will have interactive sites for spectators. They are estimating that several million people will go through the park each year. The **Canadian Arabian Horse Registry** contributed \$2500.

In 2008 we had donated \$1000 to the **Arabian Horse Foundation** that was established for Research, Rehoming and Scholarships. This year AHA began a Patrick Swayze scholarship for members that will be continuing into the performing arts. If there is anyone that would be interested in contributing to either the Galleries or the Arabian Horse Foundation please contact [AHA](#) or [me](#).

MAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP COUNT

It is particularly important now to have all members join a club with their AHA membership. For every 50 Adult members, each club is eligible to send 1 delegate to Convention. Several of our clubs take advantage of this, but if we work hard, we would be eligible to have more delegates at Convention when it is held in Vancouver. In 2010, Convention will be held in Disney World in Orlando Florida. We could use several more delegates there to do our invitation to the delegates, and attend when it is held here in Vancouver!! Also, it takes a few years to get orientated as to how the Committees are established and how the resolutions are voted on.

If you have an concerns or comments or if you would like to get more involved in Convention or get on one of the AHA committees, please don't hesitate contacting me.

[Terry Johnson](#)

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