

NASS 2024 Elections

Board of Directors



Vote for ONE candidate per region

1. Central Regional Director -

Vote for One Central Regional Director Candidate

Candidate: Adele Furby

Yes

No

Abstain

Candidate: Cameron Gaytko

Yes

No

Abstain

2. Northwest Regional Director - Candidate: Melissa Rodewald

Yes

No

Abstain

3. Southwest Regional Director - Candidate: Joan Clark

Yes

No

Abstain

4. Director at Large - Candidate: Hope Phelon

Yes

No

Abstain

5. Voter name: _____

Voting closes midnight July 22, 2024

Mail ballot to: Beverly Thompson, NASS Secretary
2345 S. Washington Rd.
Columbia City, IN 46725

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Adele Furby: Central Region Director Candidate

I founded NASS in 1986 following my discovery Hungarian Bravo in 1984 and my subsequent invitation from ISG to have Hungarian Bravo become the founding stallion for the North American Shagya-Arabian breed. The ISG accepted NASS and the NASS studbook at that time, and I was the first NASS President until 1993, when I stepped down from that position. I established my Shagya-Arabian Breeding program in 1984 and over the years I concentrated on developing outstanding Purebred Shagya-Arabians as well as Shagya-Arabian/Warmblood crosses. I had over 150 foals born during the years I was actively breeding and I shipped semen all over the country from my stallions *Oman, *Shandor, Starwalker, Janos, Onyx AF, Shagya Royal AF, Nicolette's Revelation, Shagya Raja AF, and *Hadban USA. I haven't produced any foals for a few years, but I have two Purebred mares and one gelding on my little farm, and I offer semen from 5 of my stallions. In 1989 after an apprenticeship with Dr. Ekkehard Frielinghaus, I was named an ISG judge and since that time I have been honored to judge Shagya-Arabian shows in Germany, Switzerland, Hungary, Austria, Norway, Sweden and Venezuela, as well as judging the International Championship Show 6 times. I've served as a NASS BOD member as well as chairman of the Breeding Committee and NASS Inspection Tour judge for the majority of the history of NASS, and I currently am serving as Central Region Director on the BOD, as well as Vice President and BC Chair. I really enjoy serving in those capacities and thus I would appreciate your vote!

Photo caption: Adele with Hans Brabnitz, Austrian Shagya-Arabian expert, at the "Lucina" mountain pasture in the Carpathian Mountains, near the Radautz Shagya-Arabian Stud in Romania, along with two Huzul (indigenous Carpathian horse breed) mares. Susan Keil photot



Cameron Gaytko: Central Region Director Candidate

Hi, my name is Cameron Gaytko and I live in Texas. I am an avid equestrian and have been competing with Shagya-Arabian bred horses for over 13 years in the sport of Endurance. You may recognize one of them: Lily Creek Kong. I took him to his first limited distance ride in 2013, where he placed third, won High Vet Score, and BC. After that, I knew he would do big things in endurance. He now has 16 100-mile completions, 29 BCs and 27 wins, making a total of 3,000 AERC completion miles to date. Kong is all heart. His mom is a registered Trakehner, and his sire is the Shagya-Arabian stallion, *Dante LCR (Nasrallah x Daphne). Kong has made me to fall in love with the Shagya-Arabian breed. So much so, that I bred an Arabian mare to *KS Tradition and produced the mare I placed 5th on at the 2022 Tevis! So far, I have also bred a filly from Onyx AF, a 2nd filly from *KS Tradition, and I have two *Dante LCR foals due later this year. I am breeding my Tribute daughter to Dante today! Hopefully she takes. Although I compete in endurance, I understand the versatility of the breed across many sports and as a family horse. I am interested in collaborating with other owners to promote the Shagya-Arabian breed here in North America. I would love to have the opportunity to support both the registry and my fellow NASS Members as Central Regional Director.



Attached is a photo of me on Finesse and Caroline on Kong at Tevis!



Melissa Rodewald: Northwest Region Director Candidate

Hello fellow Shagya-Arabian enthusiasts,

I'm happy to submit my application to serve a two-year term as the Northwest Regional Director for NASS. Many of you know me as the editor and name behind the constant reminders for submissions to NASS News, a position I have held since January 2016. I'm proud of the evolution of our newsletter and my role in helping our membership share our passion for these beautiful horses both here and abroad. I believe very strongly in the breed and hope that my work as editor in bringing these stories to life has enhanced everyone's enjoyment of their Shagyas, helped you get to "know" other NASS members, and appreciate the lineage and history that has come before us.



I grew up on a sailboat in the Puget Sound region of Washington state, but that didn't stop me from beginning my horse education at a very young age. I spent years riding other people's horses, and as a young adult, was a working student at combined training and dressage barns (including a long term position with international dressage competitor Lendon Gray). It wasn't until I discovered Shagya-Arabians in 2014, however, that I knew I'd truly found my breed. Since then, I've shared my life with

my lovely and opinionated Shagya/Trakehner mare *Hera AF*, welcomed with open arms and said goodbye with great sadness to sweet *Sheherezade AF*, fallen in love with the incomparable *Rexanne Star AF*, and helped birth her large filly *Shagya Raina* (by *Nicolette's Revelation AF*) into my waiting arms. I can't imagine a life without these horses. Dressage has always been my first love, but trail riding and mountain trail obstacle training have risen to the top as my favored horse activities in recent years. At age two, *Raina* has yet to share with me what she wants to be when she grows up! Maybe a house horse?

I tell everyone I meet about these great horses -- on the trail, at competitions, through social media -- if you've met me for even ten minutes, it's likely you've learned a little something about Shagya-Arabians! My hope is that, if elected to this board position, I can continue to serve the breed and particularly, the NASS members and their horses in my region. Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,
Melissa Rodewald

Joan Clark: Southwest Region Director Candidate

Many of you already know me, my name is Joan Clark and I am running for Southwest Regional Director. I have been a member of NASS since 2006; on the Board since 2009 as the Southwest Director; Performance Awards Committee Chairman since 2014; and President since 2019. I have owned five Shagya-Arabian mares, KB Shakami Fahim, Valkyrie Gold, Sofie AF and Bajara Silver SH with her filly, Bayberry Fahim, aka 'BB', born this year. All of which are incredible girls. Shaka and I enjoyed some dressage in our earlier years and now we love trail riding, just taking it easy. I've loved serving on this Board and enjoy hearing about everyone's successes. I've worked together with some wonderful people on this Board and am hoping to continue to do so.



We have some very, very hard-working members on the Board of this organization and I do all I can to support them. It's amazing what takes place behind the scenes to keep on top of this great organization by its Board, from bookkeeping to registration to breeding guidelines to foreign affairs to special programs and events to website manager to our newsletter to keeping in touch with the NASS membership. Please vote for me to continue as the Southwest Regional Director.

Respectfully yours, Joan.

Hope Phelon: Director at Large Candidate

I first heard about Shagya Arabians when **Oman* was on the cover of Practical Horseman magazine. I had been thinking of breeding my mare, *Lilly*. The article described what I thought would be a perfect match, especially the temperament. *Shannon* by **Shandor*, turned out to be everything I hoped for and then some. I'm also privileged to have his half



sister *Inchantress AF*. I'm not exactly sure when I first became a lifetime member of NASS but they are both 22 years old now. I have not been as active as I was when we were showing (lower level dressage and eventing). However, I have followed the up's and downs, the drama and traumas, associated with group dynamics over the years. What we all have in common is the love and admiration for our exceptional breed of horse. I have been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in rural community mental health throughout Wyoming for a little over 30 years. I'm getting close to retirement and hope to have more time to give to NASS. I've never 'ran' for anything but if I had a 'platform' it would be something like pro unity, inclusion and the prime directive being the growth of an organization dedicated to our special breed of horse 🐾 .

Thx HP