

Region 9 Director Candidate

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Education: I attended Southeastern Louisiana University earning a BA degree with majors in Business Administration and Marketing also minors in economics, finance and accounting finishing with GPA of 3.98 overall and a 4.0 in my curriculum

Occupation: Kem Supply House, Inc. is a office supply, janitorial supply, paper products, printing, office furniture and contract furnishing company that conducts business across south Louisiana serving customers within the oilfield industry, banks and finance companies, medical offices, law offices, CPA offices and local, regional and state government offices. At the age of 23I took the reins of my parent's 21 year old company that I now own. I continue to successfully build, expand, and manage it with my brother today. Over the last 47 years we have managed to be successful through downturns in the oil industry in the late 70's and early 80's by learning to adapt and change with your market. Business is the survival of the fittest.

AHA / USEF "R" Arabian Judge

Regional & National Arabian Judge Certification

I got my judges license in 1987 and am currently a Large "R" Regional & National judge and have been fortunate enough to have judged all the major shows in the Arabian Community along with shows in Brazil and the Australian Nationals.

Serve on the Youth National Show Commission

Serve on the US National Show Commission

Served on the Canadian National Show Commission

Served on the Probable Cause Panel

Served on Internal Audit Committee

Served on Region 9 board for 14 years

Served as Director of Region 9 for 6 years

Re-elected and currently serve as the Region 9 Director

Served as the Board Liaison to the AHA Youth Committee

Member of Louisiana Arabian Horse Association for 58 years

Served on LAHA board as Treasurer, Vice President and currently President

Assisted with AHA T.A.I.L tours

Assisted with the AHA US Nationals Judging Contests /volunteered as a judge, listened to reasons & a Handler

Owner of Plantation Arabians with my wife Debbie since 1978.....training, breeding, managing and still active in the show ring at all levels, club Shows, Regional Shows, & National Shows. The operation of Plantation Arabians is very much a family effort with my daughter, Annalise & her husband John.



ANNALISE HIMMEL

CANDIDATE FOR REGION 9 EXECUTIVE BOARD

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Sports
Medicine- Nicholls State University
2013

Member of Phi Mu Fraternity-
served on executive committee as
Risk Management Chair

Master of Science in Sport
Management- Texas A&M
University 2016

CAREER EXPERIENCE

Manager of a 24-hour fitness center
(Snap Fitness) in Thibodaux, La from
2009 – 2013

Outreach Athletic Trainer for the
Sports Medicine Center of
Thibodaux Regional 2013- present

Management Committee for Sports
Medicine Coverage of Manning
Passing Academy Football camp
2014- present

Planning Committee for Louisiana
Athletic Trainers Association
Summer Convention 2019

MEMBERSHIPS, LEADERSHIP, & AWARDS

AHA/USEF Member since 1998
LAHYA member and officer throughout youth career Delegate to
AHYA Convention 1998-2008
Region 9 Youth Director 2006-2008
AHYA Board Member 2006-2009
AHYA President 2008-2009
AHYA Past President 2009-2010
Youth Liaison to Youth Nationals Show Commission 2008-2009
Region 9 Youth Foundation Scholarship Recipient
Lois Finch Essay Contest winner
AHYA Youth of the Year Runner Up
2018 Region 9 Volunteer of the Year Award Recipient
Region 9 Executive Board Member (Louisiana Rep) 2019-present
Arabian Reining Horse Association President 2022-20223
AHA Showmanship & Equitation Vice Chair 2021-present

CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS

LAHA Board Member 2010-present
Magnolia Classic Show Committee 2016- present
Region 9 Youth Co-Coordinator 2010- present
Region 9 Youth Foundation Board Member – 2018 - present
Region 9 Website & Communications Coordinator 2019 - present
AHA Equitation Committee (and subcommittee responsible for the new equitation
manuals)
AHA Youth Committee & Amateur Committee
Vice Chair on an appointed task force by AHA President, Nancy Harvey, to bridge the gap
between outgoing youth exhibitors and amateur exhibitors – trying to keep the youth
involved through college
R9 Championship Horse Show- Patrons co-coordinator 2018 & 2019
R9 Championship Horse Show- Exhibitor's party co-coordinator 2018 & 2019



ANNALISE HIMMEL

CANDIDATE FOR REGION 9 EXECUTIVE BOARD

My mom and dad, owners and operators of Plantation Arabians, have been involved with the Arabian Horse Industry since long before my time. I was born in November of 1990 and rode my first lead line class on Mother's Day in 1994. I haven't stopped showing and loving the Arabian Horse since that first lead line class. Fast forward a bit, to my first Youth Nationals (1998) when I began my leadership and philanthropic endeavors by helping the "big kids" sell the iconic R9 Youth Cookbooks. I also attended my very first AHYA Convention at this YNL. I learned how to conduct meetings and work on committees at a very young age and eventually served many officer positions within my local club, Region 9 Youth, and AHYA. I'm one of the proud few that continued this pattern, and now I serve all of the above as an adult. I work as a breed ambassador at USN and CNL by participating with my horses in the "meet an Arabian" portion of TAIL tours. I have helped out and handled horses for the AHA National Judging Contest every year from 2011-present. I actively promote the Arabian through marketing interviews for AHA at National Events.

My time of service on the Region 9 Executive Board has been innovative and rewarding. I've enjoyed being able to collaborate with our membership to plan events, promote the Region, and share everyone's passion for our outstanding breed!

Together with my mom, dad, and husband, John, we breed and show Arabians and Half Arabians at the local, regional, and national levels. I am proud to call Region 9 home and would love to continue to serve you in a new role as the Vice Director. Thank you for your time.

Bruce McCrea

Edmond, Oklahoma

January 2023

My family has been involved with Arabian Horses since the late 1950's, so I literally grew up around horses. My mother imported horses from Poland in 1967 that became the focus of our breeding program. We also owned three time National Champion Seahorse Duke Dorsaz.

As a youngster I worked with Bob and Bobby Hart while they were showing my families horses. Later I was an assistant trainer at Lasma Arabians with the LaCroix family.

After that I had my own training stable in Edmond, Oklahoma for many years and a large breeding operation in LaGrange, Kentucky. I returned to Lasma East International Center in 1987 as Halter trainer and then became Operations Manager.

In 1993 I was recruited to be Head trainer and Stud Manager for Dirab Arabian Horse Center (later became King Abdulaziz Arabian Horse Center) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. I stayed in that position for 15 years. We were the Government Breeding program and Registration Authority. I also looked after the Arabian Horse Program for King Abdullah. In 2007 I took a private job as trainer and General Manager for Al Mohamadia Stud where I remained for 11 years.

I retired in 2018 but continue to judge Arabian Horse shows around the world. I have been an Arabian judge since 1976 and an ECAHO judge since 1994. I also have my Morgan judges card.

I live in Edmond, OK with my wife Karin and our teenage daughter Maria.

Velma Boodt

I have been a member of the R9 EC for several years as Oklahoma State Representative and Secretary. I am the Secretary/Treasurer for GCAHA and AWCHA. I am also the Secretary for R9 Youth Foundation.

I am a show secretary in addition to my full-time position as a data analyst at TierPoint, a cloud computing corporation.

I have owned and shown Arabian horses since 1997. At the current time my horses are showing in Working Western, Sport Horse In Hand and Showmanship.

The horses are a 4-generation family affair.

I would be privileged to be the secretary for R9.

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I have been an active member of AHA and the Alamo Arabian Horse Association (AAHA) since 1996 and am currently the Secretary/Treasurer of AAHA. I am also a current Delegate for AAHA and have attended Convention as their Delegate several times.

Since 2013, I have been a Show Secretary for many Region 9 shows, and have been the Show Secretary for the Region 9 Championships since 2022. In November of last year, I received one of Region 9's Volunteer of the Year Awards at the AHA Convention.

Mark Williams

My horse experience started many years ago in New Mexico. My wife's girlfriend invited us to go play "City Slicker" on a 42,000 acres ranch called the 4V. Soon after, we inherited four quarter horses from the 4V. When my daughter, Skye Williams, was old enough to ride, Jeanne Harford started giving her lessons and thereafter my wife – Elizabeth Williams. Within a few months, we had our first Arabian (Half Arabian) MM Cherokee Warrior which he is living out his retirement at our home. Arabians are like Lays potatoes chips – you can't just have one. We now have five: MM Cherokee Warrior+//, Thee Jokers Wild+//, DD Tejas Skye, El Adriano & CSH Perfect Storm.

I have been on the Alamo Arabian Horse Association board since 2007 as the Membership Chair and as President since 2011. In 2013, I was elected Texas Representative for Region 9 AHA. In 2017, I was elected Treasurer of Region 9.

I am asking for your support again to be Region 9's Treasurer. I have a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering from Oklahoma State and an MBA from University of Texas at San Antonio. In addition, I am responsible for a marketing group at Valero for several of their international product lines with annual sales over \$1.80 billion dollars. Prior to marketing, I was head of the Refinery Economics and Planning group responsible for forecasting, refinery modelling, cash flow analysis and capital project economic analysis. I currently serve on a trade association (The Sulphur Institute) as a Board Member, Member of the Executive Committee and Audit and Investment Committee. Given this background, I have an excellent knowledge of accounting, budgeting and finance along with Quicken and QuickBooks.

Since being Treasurer, I have accomplished the following:

- Instituted Region 9 credit card that has generated \$13,911.61 income through reward points.
- Presented an investment plan to the Board that has earned \$21,976.54.
- Facilitated two full audits that resulted in a clean audit by a CPA firm.
 - First Audit (2020 – 2021) – 529 pages of documents submitted
 - Second Audit (2022) – 469 pages of documents submitted
- State Funds submission of documented expense
 - 2021 – 96 pages of documents
 - 2022 – 149 pages of documents
- Filed Region 9's Federal Tax Return without an accounting firm's assistance saving Region 9 costs (\$450 per year) to file the returns.
- File Region 9's annual 1099's on all contract workers

Robin Bray

I have been involved with Region 9 since I was a child. In the more recent past, I've served as an Arkansas Rep for Region 9, served as Manager of the Arkansas Arabian Horse Club Victory Challenge for several years, was a member of the Board of Directors of the AAHC for many years, as well as showing and being a horse show mom. I also hold an R judges card and have my Gypsy Vanner card as well.

I stepped away from so much involvement for a few years, but as a new empty nester, find myself with a bit more free time.

I care very much about Region 9 and its members and would love to serve our community again.

Robin Bray

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Summary

- Friendly, enthusiastic, and dedicated with 30+ years involvement with the Arabian horse at local, regional and national levels. Has continually shown and been involved with Arabian/Half Arabian horses continually for 25+ years.
- Member of Arabian and Riders of Northwest Arkansas for 30 years. Has held several officer positions including Youth Director and Vice President. Has served as President since 2018.
- Member of Arabian Horse Association for 25 years.
- Region 9 representative for the Local Level Committee
- Actively involved in promoting local open and rated shows.

Experience

Owner/Trainer

July 2017-Present

Shelby Farms, Lowell AR

- Maintains and cares for 15+ horses in multiple locations
Responsibilities include, but are not exclusive to, daily care and maintenance of facility and horses; providing lessons from beginner level to experienced; training and showing. Horses used in lesson program are primarily Arabian/Half Arabian. All show horses are Arabians/Half Arabians. Students attend approximately 3 rated shows a year.
- Financially responsible for daily operations

Assistant Trainer

Jul 2015-Jan2016

IIB Farms – Oronogo, MO

- Responsible for daily care, maintenance and training of clients' horses
- Responsible for preparing clients and horses for show events

Assistant Breeding Technician

Jul 2014-Feb 2015

Darling 888 Ranch - Princeton, KY

- Daily care for 70+ mares, foals, and yearlings; assisting during foaling season
- Responsible for preparing yearlings for individual sale and sale events

Trainer/Barn Manager

Feb 2013-Jun 2014

Lucky Seven - Tontitown, AR

- Maintained and cares for 20+ horses
Responsibilities include, but are not exclusive to, daily care and maintenance of facility and horses; providing lessons from beginner level to experienced riders; training and showing horses
- Financially responsible for daily operations

Assistant Trainer

Jan 2001-Dec 2005

Lucky Seven - Tontitown, AR

Education

Graduate Springdale High School - Springdale, AR

May 2001

Attended Northwest Arkansas Community College

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Dental Hygiene
Loyola University of New Orleans, La. 1977

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Registered Dental Hygienist 1977 to (currently retired)

Registered Dental Hygienist for a Board Certified Pediatric Dental Practice 1978 to 1990. My patients were children up to the age of 18 yrs., and also included both adults and children with special needs (physical and mental) who required dental care. The remainder of my work was performed in general dental practices.

MEMBERSHIPS

Arabian Horse Association 1979 to present
United States Equestrian Federation 1979 to present
Louisiana Arabian Horse Association 1979 to present

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

NATIONAL LEVEL AHA

AHA National Chair, Youth Committee 2009 to present
AHA National Vice Chair, Youth Committee 2007-2009

AHA National Committee Member, Youth, Equitation, Amateur, Working Western
Arabian Horse Foundation Board member, past AHF Secretary, Currently AHF President
Current AHA Delegate and past AHA alternate delegate for the La. Arabian Horse Assoc.

As the AHA Youth Committee Chair, I work with Brenna Johnson, AHA youth and family programs coordinator, Cindy Howey, Vice Chair Youth Committee, the AHYA Executive Officers and AHYA Board of Directors, Regional Youth Coordinators, and Youth Committee members. For the AHYA BOD, I work with Brenna on their meeting agendas, assist them with parliamentary procedure for their meetings, and assist them when they wish to develop and bring a resolution forward to the delegates at AHYA Convention or to the AHA delegates Convention. I am a volunteer for the Youth Nationals show and work with Brenna by coordinating and managing all AHYA activities at YN to include the AHYA BOD meeting, AHYA Convention, ice cream social, dance, fun activities, fundraisers, stick horse decorating and contest, and any activities we sponsor in the Youth Activities office/room. I also assist Brenna with the planning and management of the coaches meeting, the AHYA Hippology Contest, the AHYA National Judging Contest, Awards Breakfast, and center ring awards presentation. I also serve as a moderator and have been known to handle a horse or two for the judging contest. I also help coordinate and conduct the AHYA Silent Auction Fundraiser held during the AHA Convention. I am also a T.A.I.L. (Total Arabian Interactive Learning) tour guide at three National Events which include Youth Nationals, Canadian Nationals, and US Nationals shows. This is about an hour guided tour to introduce the Arabian Horse to visitors at our National events. I begin the tour with a brief history of the Arabian Horse with a stop to the AHA mini museum display. I also have stations set up where the group can see and discuss grooming tools, farrier equipment, etc. depending on the age group of the tour. Then they are treated to a meet and greet with an Arabian Horse and their handler and a barn tour. The last part of the tour is a visit to the stands to watch a class where I am able to explain and answers questions about the class we are watching. I feel people skills is a must, but, the Arabian Horse is what wins their hearts. This is one of my favorite volunteer jobs, too, to be able to interact with new people and share our horses with them.

REGIONAL LEVEL

Currently serve as the Region 9 AHA Vice Director
Region 9 AHA served as Louisiana State Rep 2011-2015
Region 9 substitute Secretary for R9 BOD and Delegate meetings when asked to fill in
Current R9 Youth Coordinator (Can't remember how long)-Assist the youth with meetings, activities and fundraisers, group texts, etc.
Current R9 Regional Team Tournament Secretary
Past Region 9 Nominating Committee Chair and Committee member
Past Region 9 Youth Stallion Service Auction Committee member
Region 9 Show Committee member
Past Region 9 Amateur Committee liaison
2018 and 2019 Co-coordinator and volunteer manager of the Region 9 Patron's Lounge
2018 Co-coordinator of the R9 Sport Horse Party
2018 and 2019 Region 9 Exhibitor Party Co-coordinator

LOCAL LEVEL

Current Louisiana Arabian Horse Association (LAHA) Treasurer and Membership Chair
Past LAHA President, Vice President, and Secretary
Past Show Manager of the Magnolia Classic Youth Extravaganza Horse Show
Magnolia Classic I and II show in Gonzales, La. – on site Show Manager, assistant to Show Secretary, coordinate ribbons and awards, hospitality, center ring decorations, and barn manager. Currently serve on the show committee for the West Monroe Arabian Horse Show put on by the Alabama and Louisiana Arabian Horse Associations.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married to Mark Himmel for 44 years. We own and operate Plantation Arabians in Schriever, La. Our daughter, Annalise, and her husband, John, are also involved in the daily operation of the farm. Mark, Annalise, and I successfully show our Arabians and Half Arabians at the local, Regional, and National Levels. I was honored to be the recipient of a 2013 AHA National Level Volunteer Service Award and also honored to be a two-time recipient of the Region 9 AHA Volunteer Service Award.

WHY I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS REGION 9 AHA Louisiana State Representative

I believe that my past and current AHA involvement on the local, Regional, and National Level has prepared me to serve as the AHA Louisiana State Representative. I have learned to prepare for meetings, organize agendas, develop committees and teach the youth of AHYA how to prepare to be the next stewards of our Arabian Horse. I have learned how to delegate responsibilities and assist those chosen to fulfill their duties. I am willing to listen to new ideas from our members and to discuss these ideas with the Region 9 AHA Board and then present to the Delegates of Region 9 for discussion and then a vote if needed. I believe that communication is very important and that I would like all of Region 9 to continue to feel free to have their voice heard for suggestions. It is an honor and a privilege to serve our Region 9 AHA adult members and youth members.

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I am an owner and trainer of Arabian and Half-Arabian horses for over 25 years. I have trained and shown multiple Working Western horses at all levels.

I am a current member of Arabian Working Cow Horse Association (AWCHA) and have served as a Board member. I have also been a member of Green Country Arabian Horse Association and served as Board member and show committee.

I am interested in serving as the State Representative for Oklahoma to enhance my knowledge of how the Region works and use my experience as a long term trainer as appropriate.

Herb Meites Oklahoma

For the past four decades I have been a member of the IAHA/AHA and OAHC, serving several times on the board of the OAHC including being on the present board. Twice I have been on the Region 9 Board as the representative for Oklahoma. During these decades my family and I have both bred and shown our Arabian horses. We have shown in all age divisions and in almost all disciplines from Halter to Park, English to Western, Hunter to Driving, and Sidesaddle to Working Cow. Over the years we have shown locally, regionally (at least 10 regions) and nationally in US and Canada winning both Top Tens and national championships and reserves. I have had the honor of receiving the Handler of Supreme Honor Champion award.

To fully understand the workings of AHA and the region one should attend both regional meetings and the national convention. Karen and I have attended both for at least the past twelve years. I would, again, like to represent the OAHC and Oklahoma at the regional and national level.

Sterling Bradley Regional Biography

Sterling Bradley has been an AHA member since 1990. He is a current member of AHA Region 9 since 2010. Sterling is a Founding Member and current Board Member of Arabian Trail and Ranch Horse Association (a Region 9 organization).

Sterling has served in the past as an AHA Regional officer including Region 7 show commission and Utah state representative for a 7 year period. He was the AHA Working Western co-Chairperson 2022. He is the current Working Western Chairman 2023 for Arabian Horse Association.

Sterling has been a trainer of Arabian Horses since 1990. He is owner and trainer of Center Ring Show Horses since 2014 in Sanger, TX.

Sterling Bradley holds an AHA Judges card - currently at the Regional and National level. He has been judging since 2016.

Sterling Bradley's vision as Texas state representative is to bring the Arabian Horse Association members together in an alliance with a common goal to advance and preserve the Arabian breed. Achieving this goal will require joining together owners, breeders, and Arabian enthusiasts through the existing AHA Region 9 clubs.

Sterling Bradley

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Profile

- ▶ Chris Lallo joined the Arabian Horse Association in 2017 and he and his wife (Susan) and daughter (Riley) have been active members of the AHA and Region 9 since 2017.
- ▶ Chris is also a member of the Youth Foundation Board for Region 9 and has been on the Youth Foundation Board since 2021.
- ▶ Chris and his family are owners of nine Arabian and Hal-Arabian horses and have recently started a breeding program through Lallo Performance Horses, LLC.
- ▶ Chris has shown in sport horse in-hand at the local, regional and national (Mid-Summer and Sport Horse Nationals) level and was the 2021 Mid-Summer National Champion with Fifty Shades Darker in the Half-Arabian ATH Sport Horse In-Hand.
- ▶ Chris' daughter Riley shows actively on the Arabian circuit and was the high point youth exhibitor at the Youth National shows both in 2021 and 2022.
- ▶ Riley also shows actively on the NRHA, APHA and AQHA circuits.
- ▶ The Lallo family started with the Arabian breed, and Chris feels as if there is knowledge that can be taken from seeing the growth experienced on other circuits (NRHA, AQHA, etc.) that the AHA can and should follow in order to increase membership and participation.
- ▶ Chris is a member of the R9 club: ARABIAN TRAIL AND RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION

Education

- ▶ B.B.A., Accounting, Texas A&M University
- ▶ J.D., The University of Texas School of Law

Skye Williams

I have been involved with Arabian horses since I was six years old showing in many disciplines over my career: Halter, Showmanship, Western, Side Saddle, Cutting, Trail, Ranch Riding, Country, Show Hack, Native Costume, and Hunter while achieving many Regional and National titles. Over the course of my equine career

I have had the opportunity to hold several offices as a youth on the Local, Regional and National levels: Alamo Arabian Horse Youth Club as Historian, Vice President, and President; Region 9 Youth Club Historian and Director; and AHYA Board of Directors. As an adult, I currently serve as a member of the Board of Directors for Alamo Arabian Horse Association and participate on the show committee that puts on our April and December shows.

I have a BS in Chemistry from Texas Tech University and am currently employed by Valero as a Products Scheduler responsible for scheduling gasoline onto two major pipelines which move products from the Gulf Coast to the New York Harbor and Chicago.

I am running for Texas Representative to be more involved on the Regional level and bring a different perspective (owner, exhibitor, volunteer and show management) and set of ideas. I would appreciate your support.