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Adult Programs Committee Report *

**New committee name for 2010*

Chair: Fran Crocco, NJ

Liaison: Kathie Robertson

***2010 Fall Executive Board Meeting, December 1 – December 5
Jacksonville, Florida***

2010 Committee Members:

Michelle King, VA
Jackie Luebke-Puetz, WI
Holly Hilliard, FL
Jamee Amundson, NE
Wendy Fryke, CO
Catherine Siemiet, CO
Frances Haupt, OR
Sybille Crafts, CT
Donna Meyer, TX
Evelyn (Evie) B. Tumlin, MS

Mission:

To increase adult participation in dressage by providing education and recognition.

Goals:

1. Provide concepts for new adult education programs.
2. Increase participation in USDF supported adult programs.
3. Get regions and GMOs more involved in adult education through increased and improved communication with Adult Education regional coordinators.

2010 Objectives:

1. Oversee adult clinics.
2. Continued promotion of University program and benefits.
3. Develop an awards program for recognizing innovative educational programming within GMOs.
4. Develop program for adult clinic series in 2011 – 2012.
5. Review, select and recommend educational topics for the 2010 convention.
6. Provide continued input for symposium programs.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Created new mission statement for committee.
- Presented Executive Board with suggested clinicians for the upcoming Adult Clinic series to start April 1, 2011.

- Selected speakers for University session to be held during convention.
- Conducted eight Adult Team Competitions in the following Regions:
 1. Region 1; September 4-5, 2010
 2. Region 3; May 28, 2010
 3. Region 4; August 6, 2010
 4. Region 5; August 14, 2010
 5. Region 6; April 3-4, 2010
 6. Region 7; September 10-12, 2010
 7. Region 9; June 12-13, 2010
 8. Region 9; June 19-20, 2010
- Awarded 132 University Recognition Awards:
 1. Platinum Level – 2
 2. Gold Level – 2
 3. Silver Level – 7
 4. Bronze Level - 9
 5. Diploma Level – 29
 6. Certificate Level - 83

2011 Objectives:

To be determined at convention.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. 2011-2013 Adult Clinics.
- II. University Credits for e-TRAK.
- III. Education Program during convention for 2011 and 2012.
- IV. e-TRAK feedback

Items to come before the Executive Board:

1. New Mission Statement.

The Adult Programs Committee recommends the following be accepted as the mission statement for this committee:

- To encourage, increase, and enrich adult participation in dressage by providing educational opportunities and recognition for achievement.

The current statement is:

- To increase adult participation in dressage by providing education and recognition.

Awards Committee Report

Chair: Peggy Klump, CA

Liaison: Krystina Firth

2010 Fall Executive Board Meeting, December 1 – December 5 Jacksonville, Florida

2010 Committee Members:

Brad Cutshall, MI*
Deborah Garris, IL*
Elizabeth Davidson, FL*
Heather Petersen, CO*
Katherine McHugh, MA*
Donna Meyer, TX

*New member(s) of the Awards Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To encourage participation in dressage by recognizing excellence and rewarding progressive achievement.

Goals:

1. Organize and provide awards for Horse of the Year, Freestyle, Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur, Vintage Cup, All-Breeds, performance certificates, individual rider awards, GMO Newsletter, Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year, GMO Web site, DSHB Horse of the Year and Materiale Horse of the Year.
2. Review existing awards requirements and programs.

2010 Objectives:

1. Ensures that the USDF awards program is comprehensive and current.
2. Ensures that the USDF awards program sustains a high degree of prestige, creditability and offers a wide range of awards and recognition across the broad spectrum of the whole dressage community.
3. Review the existing awards programs for updates, modifications and respond to requests for the creation of new awards programs.
4. Keep a high degree of continuity with other USDF programs and those offered by GMOs around the country.
5. Work with USDF staff to maximize efficiency and cost savings in accordance with budget restrictions, while still ensuring that USDF offers an exceptional awards program.
6. Respond to requests for awards program guideline changes that promote increased eligibility for year-end awards standings.
7. Continue to address questions, concerns and suggestions from the membership regarding equivalent scores and recommend changes for housekeeping purposes.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Worked with USDF staff and volunteers to explain the importance of an existing stand alone Awards Committee.
- Created and approved a motion to be submitted to the BOG this fall that will allow an expedited procedure for the implementation of “housekeeping” rule changes for awards programs.
- Reviewed and discussed the situation regarding the current awards system in which a horse/rider team may qualify for more than two consecutive levels.

2011 Objectives:

1. Continue to review awards programs to ensure a level playing field.
2. Review rider award program for possible additions.
3. Improve communication of awards program issues with other USDF committees.
4. Promote and educate the membership on the scope of the USDF awards program.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Review the housekeeping motion to expedite implementation of changes with the BOG.
- II. Review and finalize the motion developed to help create a level playing field for USDF awards programs.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

1. Motion regarding developing a more level playing field for USDF award programs. The motion is the following: A horse/rider combination may only be eligible to be ranked in the USDF year-end award standings at two consecutive levels within the same competition year. If a horse/rider combination meets the criteria to be ranked in the USDF year-end award standings in more than two levels in the same competition year the horse/rider combination will only be ranked at the highest level and if qualified the next level consecutive to the that highest level. Consecutive levels are defined per USEF DR 119.2. Effective 10/1/2011.

2. Request to add a third goal to the existing Awards Committee goals. The Awards Committee would like to add a third goal, the goal would be the following:

Offer the membership a tiered awards program that is designed to:

- a) Reward and recognize horses and riders that consistently meet or exceed the standard in competition.***
- b) Promote and encourage a high standard of accomplishment and competitive excellence in dressage throughout the United States.***
- c) Promote and encourage dressage education to our members as a means for increased competitive success.***

3. Request to edit goal number #1 from the Awards Committee so that goal number #1 would read as follows:

Organize and provide awards for ***all USDF year-end award categories.*** ~~Horse of the Year, Freestyle, Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur, Vintage Cup, All-Breeds, performance certificates, individual rider awards, GMO Newsletter, Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year, GMO Web site, DSHB Horse of the Year and Materiale Horse of the Year.~~

Bylaws Committee Report

Chair: Chris Trentelman, FL

Liaison: Deborah Dunivant

2010 Fall Executive Board Meeting, December 1 – December 5 Jacksonville, Florida

2010 Committee Members:

Alison Head, VA
Janine Malone, NC
Charee Adams, OH
Barbara Cadwell, OH
Sue Hughes, MI
Bill Maybee, MI
Gaye McCabe, OR
Peter Rothschild, WA
Paula Langan, CA
Charles Lewis, CA

*There are no new members of the Bylaws Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To provide for the fair and equitable governance of the United States Dressage Federation.

Goals:

1. Recommend Bylaw amendments as needed.
2. Present amendments to the USDF Board of Governors for ratification.

2010 Objectives:

1. Recommend Bylaws changes as necessary.
2. Coordinate with the Ad-Hoc Governance Committee as to how any changes they recommend will impact the Bylaws.
3. Draft Bylaws changes as requested by the Ad-Hoc Governance Committee to be presented to the BOG in the future.

2010 Accomplishments:

- The Bylaws governance document was updated February 16, 2010, to include the approved Bylaws amendments from the 2009 BOG assembly and posted on the USDF Web site.
- A Bylaws Working Group was formed to rewrite the language of the “At-Large Directors” (ALD) bylaws proposal. The ALD bylaws proposal is the most significant bylaws change coming to the 2010 BOG. This initiative was supported by the 2009 BOG in principal, pending the drafting of the bylaws language.

- Two proposed edited bylaws documents, “2010 rolled up version of the Bylaws Proposed Changes” and the “At-Large-Directors (ALD) Proposed Changes Only” as a standalone document, have been posted on the USDF Web site. The proposed bylaws changes will go before the 2010 BOG session for approval.

2011 Objectives:

1. Recommend Bylaws changes as necessary.
2. Discuss and draft Bylaws changes as requested by the Executive Board and other USDF committees and members to be presented to the BOG in the future.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Discussion of the 2010 proposed bylaws changes that will be presented at the BOG session for approval.
- II. Discussion of the “At-Large Directors” bylaws proposal.
- III. Such other items as may come before the meeting.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

1. Results of discussion of the “At-Large Directors” bylaws proposal.

Competition Management Committee Report

Chair: Regina Antonioli, CA*

Liaison: Krystina Firth

***2010 Fall Executive Board Meeting, December 1 – December 5
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2010 Committee Members:

Bettina G. Longaker, VA
Kevin Bradbury, MI
Heather Petersen, CO
Rose Newman, WA
David Schmutz, CA*
Maureen Van Tuyl, CA
Debra Reinhardt, CT
A. Whit Watkins, TX*

*New member(s) of the Competition Management Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To provide a network of competition managers and secretaries to promote quality and compliant dressage competitions.

Goals:

1. Provide competition management education.
2. Increase the number and quality of recognized competitions.
3. Review and communicate US Equestrian rule change proposals.
4. Provide the appropriate tools and processes for successful competitions.
5. Strengthen the communication between Competition Management Committee and other committees, as well as the USDF office staff.
6. Provide competition management education and show secretary education.

2010 Objectives:

1. The FEI Managers Subcommittee would still like to write a guideline for FEI Managers since USEF does not appear to have one in planning or process.
2. Update additional sections of Show Biz as required pending funding for production.
3. Assist new and current show managers upon request.

2010 Accomplishments:

None to report at this time.

2011 Objectives:

1. FEI Managers Subcommittee to write a guideline for FEI competitions.
2. Increase the number and quality of recognized competitions. Is reduced mileage an answer?

Meeting Agenda:

- I. The New Tests
 - a. Their impact on competitions.
 - b. Helping management educate competitors.
- II. Competition Levels
 - a. Helping management choose the correct level for their event.
 - b. Discuss how the levels could be a base for a new graded mileage rule – national or regional?
- III. Review any new USEF rule change proposals for competitions.
- IV. Marketing support for events.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

FEI Jr/YR Committee Report

Chair: Roberta Williams, OH

Advisor: Eva Salomon, KY*

Advisor: Lloyd Landkamer, MN*

Liaison: Erica Minks

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2010 Committee Members:

Patsy Albers, MD
Roz Kinstler, MI
Susan Bender, AL
Nancy Gorton, MO
Susan Rudman, CO
Emma Dye, WA*
Leslie Pooley, CA
Karen Davis, NY
Joan Darnell, TX

*New member(s) of the FEI Jr/YR Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To develop educational opportunities and international competition experiences for riders, ages 14-21, who ride at the FEI sanctioned Junior and Young Rider levels.

Goals:

1. Select and provide teams for the North American Junior/Young Riders Championships.
2. Promote team spirit and competition among riders.
3. Provide clinics and educational opportunities.

2010 Objectives:

1. Review and improve the "Code of Conduct" with the assistance of USEF.
2. Continue to improve the NAJYRC entry process. Work with USEF for an online NAJYRC entry process.
3. Offer a Chef d' Equipe trophy – "The Albers Award" (in honor of Patsy's years of dedication) – to be given to the Chef that demonstrates dedication, enthusiasm and team spirit during NAJYRC. This award will be donated by Lloyd Landkamer.
4. Further define the role of the Chef d' Equipe.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Attended the USEF/USDF Dressage Programs Summit held at the USDF Headquarters on June 15, 2010. This summit reviewed the overall U.S. “pipeline” for dressage, with overall focus and emphasis on Youth and FEI Junior/Young Rider programs.
- Reviewed and re-formatted the 2011 NAJYRC Selection Procedures per the recommendations of USEF.
- Utilized USEF’s new electronic entry process for NAJYRC.
- USDF sent seven Young Rider and seven Junior Teams totaling 56 horse/rider combinations to NAJYRC held July 26-August 1, at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Kentucky.
- Awarded inaugural Albers Award trophy to Chefs d’Equipe Roz Kinstler and Jeremy Steinberg at the 2010 NAJYRC.
- Awarded the Fiona Baan Pursuit of Excellence Memorial Trophy to Region 6 Young Rider Jheskia Wells at the 2010 NAJYRC.
- Held one FEI Jr/YR Clinic in Region 5, October 23-24.
- A FEI Jr/YR Clinic is slated for Region 4 for December 11 – 12.

2011 Objectives:

1. Continue with above.
2. Continue to find ways to bridge youth and FEI Jr/YR programs with USEF in order to better define the pipeline.
3. Develop a guide for NAJYRC Chefs d’Equipe.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Deposit fee for FEI Jr/YR Clinic rider applications.
- II. Future development of clinics.
- III. Initiate a plan to develop a Chef d’Equipe guide.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

Freestyle Committee Report

Chair: Terry Ciotti Gallo, FL

Liaison: Kim Sodt

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2010 Committee Members:

Stephanie Alvord, VA (resigned 9/2010)
Tigger Montague, VA
Marlene Schneider, MN
Janet (Dolly) Hannon, CO
Anna Lucy Keller, ID
Jane Escola, CA
Alexandra Howard, CA
Ann Guptill, CT
Debra Reinhardt, CT
Susan Howard, TX*

*New member(s) of the Freestyle Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To promote freestyle and provide educational opportunities dealing with choreography, music and judging. To use musical rides to increase exposure and popularize freestyle, quadrille, pas de deux and the sport of dressage.

Goals:

1. Design and provide educational programs for freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille for the general membership and for judge education.
2. Continue to review freestyle, pas de duex and quadrille rules, guidelines, definitions and score sheets.
3. Coordinate with the Judges Committee and with Competition Management and Awards Committees.
4. Maintain a freestyle web page on the USDF Web site to increase exposure, as well as to create promotional activities for freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille.

2010 Objectives:

1. Continue to track judges who have completed freestyle education.
2. Continue to improve and update freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille pages on the USDF Web site.
3. Complete changes to the freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille Rules and Guidelines.
4. Complete changes to the freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille tests.
5. Continue to develop the GMO Challenge.

6. Continue to develop the format for an adult education camp on music as it applies to the training scale.

2010 Accomplishments:

- The 2011 test sheets for freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille were finalized.
- The Rules, Guidelines and Definitions brochures for freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille were updated for the new test cycle.
- An article explaining test changes was printed in the November issue of *Connection* Magazine.
- The freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille pages of the USDF Web site were updated.
- The business plan for the GMO Charity Challenge was completed and turned over to the USDF Marketing Department for its input.

2011 Objectives:

1. Continue to track judges who have completed freestyle education.
2. Continue to improve and update freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille pages on the USDF Web site.
3. Implement the GMO Charity Challenge, if approved.
4. Work with “L” Program and Judges Committees to revise material for both the “L” Program and the Continuing Education “L” Elective Musical Freestyle weekend.
5. Work with *USDF Connection* to run a series of three articles on developing a freestyle.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Review the new tests.
- II. Explain the GMO Charity Challenge concept and get feedback.
- III. Discuss member concerns.
- IV. Review 2011 objectives.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

GMO Committee Report

Chair: Sherry Guess, OK

Liaison: Melissa Schoedlbauer

2010 Fall Executive Board Meeting, December 1 – December 5 Jacksonville, Florida

2010 Committee Members:

Jan Denno, MD
Nancy Spear, IL
Barbara Petti, FL*
Anne Sushko, IA
Scarlett Fahrenson, AZ
Corinne Stonier, OR
Carolyn Tice, CA
Martha McDaniel, HI
Cindi Wylie, MA
Bruce Lawrie, TX

*New member(s) of the GMO Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To accelerate the growth and development of Group Member Organizations (GMOs) to broaden and strengthen the dressage community and increase access to education.

Goals:

1. To promote the education of GMO leadership.
2. To offer support and materials.
3. To provide a network of others with experience.

2010 Objectives:

1. Assist with the management of the GMO awards programs.
2. Secure a speaker for the GMO educational session at the 2010 convention.
3. Provide topics for the GMO roundtable discussion at the 2010 convention.
4. Assist USDF staff in contacting GMOs who have not returned the Annual GMO Affiliate Verification Form.
5. Encourage GMOs officials to utilize the GMOPrez list.
6. Assist any GMO as needed in the area of conflict resolution.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Secured members for the 2010 GMO Committee under the new council and committee structure.
- Secured judges for the 2010 GMO Newsletter and Web site Awards.

- Served as judges for the Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year Award and the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant.
- Discussed and decided to eliminate the educational session at the 2010 convention (sponsored by the GMO Committee) in an effort to support the local GMO's evening activity during the convention.
- Determined topics for the GMO roundtable discussion at the 2010 convention.
- Updated job description for GMO Committee members.

2011 Objectives:

1. Assist with the management of the GMO awards program.
2. Provide topics for the GMO roundtable discussion at the 2011 convention.
3. Assist USDF staff in contacting GMOs who have not returned the Annual GMO Affiliate Verification Form.
4. Encourage GMO officials to utilize the GMOPrez List.
5. Assist any GMO as needed in the area of conflict resolution.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Discuss use of GMOPrez List.
- III. Determine if GMO Roundtable discussions are still wanted at 2011 convention.
- IV. Discuss the December 1 deadline for the new membership year's initial roster submission.
- V. Open discussion.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

Historical Recognition Committee Report *

* *New committee name for 2010.*

Chair: Anne Moss, PA

Liaison: Kim Sodt

2010 Fall Executive Board Meeting, December 1 – December 5 Jacksonville, Florida

2010 Committee Members:

Jennifer Bryant, PA
Bettina Longaker, VA
Rosalind Kinstler, MI
Roberta Williams, OH
Becky Johnston, FL
Anne Ramsay, FL
Charlotte L. Trentelman, FL
Dianne H. Stanley, MT
Anna Lucy Keller, ID
Susan Lombardi, CA

Mission:

To recognize and celebrate the rich heritage of dressage in America through education and promotion.

Goals:

1. Oversee and coordinate Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement Award selection.
2. Work with USDF and assist in the development and selection of materials and criteria of the Hall of Fame building.
3. Gather and archive information on the heritage of USDF.

2010 Objectives:

1. Nominate suitable candidates to the Hall of Fame and for the Lifetime Achievement Award.
2. Continue to work and provide the USDF staff and Hall of Fame Advisory Subcommittee with input regarding displays and content for the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame building.
3. Continue the concerted effort to collect historical information regarding the GMOs, acting as voluntary repository.
4. Continue recording interviews with the Hall of Fame inductees and Lifetime Achievement Award recipients, as well as induction ceremonies, to make available to membership.
5. Continue to educate members and advertise the Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement Award nomination process.

6. Discuss historical based educational opportunities that the committee may provide for general membership at future USDF conventions.
7. Develop a “Memories” book of members’ stories about Hall of Fame inductees and Lifetime Achievement Award recipients.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Nominated two Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients for 2010; John ‘Jack’ Kimball and Judith Noone.

2011 Objectives:

1. Nominate suitable candidates for the Hall of Fame and for the Lifetime Achievement Award.
2. Continue to work and provide the USDF staff and Hall of Fame Advisory Subcommittee with input regarding displays and content for the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame building.
3. Continue the concerted effort to collect historical information regarding the GMOs, acting as voluntary repository.
4. Continue recording interviews with the Hall of Fame inductees and Lifetime Achievement Award recipients, as well as induction ceremonies, to make available to membership.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Discuss how to facilitate and improve communication between the committee and Executive Board regarding Lifetime Achievement Award nominations.
- II. Review and evaluate the best approach to providing justification and facts for Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement Award nominations, with limited resources.
- III. Brainstorm for potential Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement Award nominees.
- IV. Discuss Executive Board’s recommendation of exploring the creation of another tier of national awards focused on regional service.
- V. Review committee goals.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

Instructor Trainer Committee Report

Chair: Gerhard Politz, CA*

Liaison: Kathie Robertson

2010 Fall Executive Board Meeting, December 1 – December 5 Jacksonville, Florida

2010 Committee Members:

Deborah Bowman, VA*
Cindy Sydnor, NC*
Maryal Barnett, MI*
Lilo Fore, CA*
Rachel S. Saavedra, CA
Sarah Geikie, CT*
Lendon Gray, NY
Ann Guptill, CT
Vicki Hammers – O’Neil, CT*
Melanie Tenney, CT*

*New member(s) of the Instructor Trainer Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To promote the pursuit of excellence in dressage instruction and training.

Goals:

1. Provide education.
2. Set certification standards.
3. Develop and implement instructor certification programs.
4. Increase the number of Certified Instructors.

2010 Objectives:

1. Finalize “Masterplan”; full review of the program and recommendations for modifications to existing levels of certification, including new levels. This includes implementation.
2. Hold three USDF Instructor Certification Final Exams in 2010.
3. Hold one USDF FEI Level Trainers’ Conference in 2010.
4. Develop plan for USDF FEI Level Trainers’ Conference in 2011.
5. Provide educational opportunity at convention for certified instructors.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Hosted two Instructor Certification Final Exams.
 1. Thirteen candidates became certified.
Special note: We had one candidate at Third-Fourth Level that passed the riding sections with a perfect score.

- Worked with the Instructor Certification Strategic Planning Group to move 'Masterplan' proposals forward.
- Working to providing enhanced educational opportunities for instructors at convention.
- Developed online educational materials.
- Developed and completed filming project on lungeing.
- Development of curriculum for Training-First Level Certification.

2011 Objectives:

To be determined at convention.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Masterplan
- II. Develop 'Centers' for workshops and testing.
- III. Online education.
- IV. Update from Instructor Certification Strategic Planning Group.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

1. New Level of Faculty – Introductory Faculty.
2. New Level of Certification – Training – First Level.
3. New Level of Recognition – Honorary Instructor.

Judges Committee Report

Chair: Lois Yukins, MA

Liaison: Kim Sodt

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2010 Committee Members:

Maryal Barnett, MI*
Terry Ciotti Gallo, FL*
Marilyn Heath, FL
Gary Rockwell, FL*
William Solyntjes, MN
Janet Foy, CO
Trenna Atkins, WA
David Schmutz, CA
William Warren, MA*
Marilyn Kulifay, TX*

*New member(s) of the Judges Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To promote the pursuit of excellence in dressage judging.

Goals:

1. Provide educational opportunities for all levels of judges.
2. Continue to improve the training of individuals currently licensed or aspiring to be licensed judges.
3. Recognize progressive development of judges.

2010 Objectives:

1. Monitor all FEI and USEF rule changes and make proposed rule changes available to membership as soon as possible.
2. Continue to promote and enhance the Continuing Education Program for judges and USDF "L" graduates by adding more potential program formats.
3. Promote and update the Musical Freestyle "L" Elective Weekend format of the Continuing Education Program for judges and USDF "L" graduates, as well as all other program formats.
4. Expand "L" Program video/DVD library to supplement and modernize the educational material presented in the program by faculty.
5. L" Program Subcommittee will continue creating working groups to evaluate and select footage of movements and complete tests. Footage will be edited and packaged into judge-related educational material.
6. Begin implementing new 2011 test videos for judge-related educational material.
7. Discuss and develop a strategic plan regarding continuing education for "L" graduates, researching potential requirements and ideas.

8. Continue to promote and educate membership on the philosophy of the “L” Program by utilizing *USDF Connection* and the USDF Web site.
9. The USDF Test Writing Subcommittee will continue to work with the USEF Test Writing Subcommittee on the rewriting of the 2011 tests and present some of the changes at the 2010 open meeting.
10. Carry on with “The Judge’s Box” in *USDF Connection* to further open communication and promote educational opportunities within the area of judge education.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Introduced the new 2011 Introductory tests, A, B and C, effective 12/1/2010.
- Worked in cooperation with the Freestyle Committee in the development of the freestyle, pas de deux, and quadrille 2011 tests.
- Formed a working group to promote and enhance the Continuing Education Program for Judges and USDF “L” Graduates.
- Expanded video library for judge-related education with eventing tests and higher level movements.

2011 Objectives:

1. Monitor all FEI and USEF rule changes and make proposed rule changes available to membership as soon as possible.
2. Continue to promote and enhance the Continuing Education Program for judges and USDF “L” graduates by adding more potential program formats.
3. Promote and update the Musical Freestyle “L” Elective Weekend format of the Continuing Education Program for judges and USDF “L” graduates, as well as all other program formats.
4. Continue implementing new 2011 test videos for judge-related educational material.
5. Continue to work with professional videographers to gather 2011 test videos from competitions to use in judge-related educational material.
6. Discuss and develop a strategic plan regarding continuing education for “L” graduates, researching potential requirements and ideas.
7. Work with the USEF Test Writing Subcommittee on gathering feedback from the membership on the 2011 tests and present those suggestions to USEF.
8. Carry on with “The Judge’s Box” in *USDF Connection* to further open communication and promote educational opportunities within the area of judge education.
9. Continue to work to improve and keep improve communications open between riders, trainers, judges and show management.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Judge Education Topic - review of examples of bad score sheets where comments/scores may not match.
- II. Judging concerns.
- III. Continuing Education Program update.
- IV. FEI and USEF judge-related updates.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

“L” Program Committee Report *

**New committee for 2010*

Chair: Marilyn Heath, FL

Liaison: Kim Sodt

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2010 Committee Members:

Elizabeth Madlener, MD
Jayne Ayers, WI
Maryal Barnett, MI
Joan Humphrey, FL
Marianne Ludwig, FL
Gary Rockwell, FL
William Solyntjes, MN
Janet Foy, CO
Debbie Riehl – Rodriguez, CO
Trenna Atkins, WA
Alexsandra Howard, CA
Tracey Lert, CA
Jeff Moore, CA
Axel Steiner, CA
Lois Yukins, MA

Mission:

To be determined at convention.

Goals:

To be determined at convention.

2010 Objectives:

To be determined at convention.

2010 Accomplishments:

- A total of nine “L” Programs held sessions in Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and in 2010. Four of these programs will complete their final exams in 2010. Only three programs, with 24 candidates, have completed the final exam, as of November 1. Of the 24 that took the final exam, 18 graduated, with seven of those graduating with distinction.
- Welcomed Bill Solyntjes onto the “L” Faculty.

2011 Objectives:

1. Expand “L” Program video/DVD library to supplement and modernize the educational material presented in the program by faculty.
2. “L” Program working groups will continue evaluating and selecting footage of movements and complete tests. Footage will be edited and packaged into judge-related educational materials.
3. Continue to promote and educate membership on the philosophy of the “L” Program by utilizing *USDF Connection* and the USDF Web site.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Evaluation process of each session, educational and evaluative.
- II. Discuss Part 2: misperceptions, issues and potential solutions.
- III. Develop 2011 Objectives.
- IV. Develop a mission statement and goals for this committee.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

Membership Committee Report

Chair: Anneliese Vogt Harber, GA*

Liaison: Melissa Schoedlbauer

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2010 Committee Members:

Kevin Bradbury, MI*
Judith Fiorentino, AL
Holly Scherzer, AL*
Tracie Wang, NE*
Paula Langan, CA
Debra Carr-Kirk, MA
Sherry Guess, OK

*New member(s) of the Membership Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To grow, strengthen, and support the USDF membership.

Goals:

1. Expand the USDF membership roster by bringing in new members.
2. Maintain the current USDF membership base.
3. Encourage GMO only members to also become USDF Participating Members.
4. Improve communication between USDF and all membership categories.

2010 Objectives:

1. Reevaluate the goals and objectives of the committee based on the committee restructuring plan being implemented in 2010.
2. Define the benefits of the new Education Membership in more detail, if approved.
3. Develop a strategy for implementation of the new Education Membership.
4. Evaluate PM Family Membership opportunity.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Secured members for the 2010 Membership Committee under the new council and committee structure.

2011 Objectives:

1. Provide assistance to USDF staff with membership projects initiated by USDF or USDF members.

2. Provide an open line of communication between USDF members and USDF.
3. Help to develop a streamlined process of submitting competition evaluations to USDF.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Welcome and introductions.
- II. Feedback on e-Membership and e-TRAK.
- III. Discuss possible changes to the current mission and goals.
 - How can the Membership Committee best serve the members under the new council and committee structure?
- IV. Open discussion.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

Nominating Committee Report

Chair: Miki Christophersen, KS

Liaison: Sarah Jones

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2010 Regional Coordinators:

Region 1: Delores Kaminski, MD
Region 2: Bill Maybee, MI*
Region 3: Barbara M. Petti, FL
Region 4: Tracie Wang, NE*
Region 5: Dianne Stanley, MT
Region 6: Marsha Williams, OR
Region 7: Kathy Pavlich, CA
Region 8: Elaine S. Donoghue, MA
Region 9: Kathryn Kyle, TX

*New member(s) of the Nominating Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To procure quality candidates to govern the United States Dressage Federation.

Goals:

1. Secure nominations for regional Participating Member (PM) delegates and USDF Executive Board (EB).
2. Ensure that all GMO members are represented on the Board of Governors by GMO delegates.
3. Educate the membership about the candidates and oversee the election process.

2010 Objectives:

1. Procure nominations for USDF Vice President and USDF Secretary by June 1, 2010.
2. Procure nominations for Regional Director in regions 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 by June 1, 2010.
3. Procure nominations for PM delegates in all nine regions by April 15, 2010.
4. Obtain GMO delegate appointments when determined by each GMO.
5. Educate membership about the candidates.
6. Recruit Canvassing Committee member from each region.
7. Oversee the election process.
8. Send notification letter to GMOs who failed to respond to delegate/proxy requests for the 2009 convention in Austin.

2010 Accomplishments:

- The following USDF Officer candidates were secured by June 1:
Vice President – Beth Jenkins, Janet Foy, Peter Rothschild; Secretary – Janine Malone. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor of the BOG.
The following USDF Regional Director candidates were secured by June 1: Region 1 – Lisa Schmidt; Region 3 – Kathryn Bauman, Holly Hilliard, Kimberly Taylor, Gary Stegman; Region 5 – Heather Petersen; Region 7 – Terry Wilson; Region 9 – Bess Reineman. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor of the BOG.
- Biographies of PM delegate candidates were posted on the USDF Web site. PM delegate biographies also appeared in the June issue of *USDF Connection*. Biographies of Officer and Regional Director candidates were published in the October issue of *USDF Connection* and were also posted on the USDF Web site.
- PM delegate elections took place in all nine regions and notification of the election outcome to the candidates occurred in early August.

PM Delegate Voting Returns

	2009 Mailed	2009 Online	2010 Mailed	2010 Online	2009 Total % Return	2010 Total % Return
Region 1	91	339	0	387	16.570	17.892
Region 2	77	319	5	414	18.750	21.609
Region 3	71	263	0	277	17.146	17.194
Region 4	34	136	2	157	21.384	21.200
Region 5	70	119	1	144	18.052	15.727
Region 6	61	160	0	206	18.026	17.267
Region 7	96	325	2	333	18.913	16.894
Region 8	82	235	0	273	18.430	17.797
Region 9	65	168	0	129	21.345	13.901

- For the first time, in 2010 online voting became the primary voting method for the PM delegate elections. Paper ballots were created in-house, but mailed only to those members that requested them. Due to the minimal number of paper ballots that were requested, only one Canvassing Committee person was needed to complete the ballot audit.
- The office is currently in the process of receiving GMO delegate appointments and proxy-holder assignments and listing the representatives on the USDF website.

2011 Objectives:

1. Procure nominations for PM delegate in all nine regions by April 15.
2. Obtain GMO delegate appointments when designated by each GMO.
3. Educate the membership about candidates.
4. Recruit Canvassing Committee members.
5. Oversee the election process.
6. Send notification letter to each GMO who fails to respond to delegate and proxy-holder requests.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Review bylaw additions/changes concerning ALD nominations.
- II. Discuss P&P changes for kiosk voting that was approved by the EB at its spring meeting.
- III. Discuss solicitation from the USDF office of Regional Director nominations by email.
- IV. Discuss 2009 ballot returns compared to 2010 returns
- V. Canvassing Committee for BOG.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

Regional Championships Committee Report

Chair: Veronica Holt, CO

Liaison: Donna Rocchetti

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2010 Committee Members:

Bettina Longaker, VA*
Lisa Gorretta, OH
Roberta Williams, OH
John Zopatti, FL*
Jean Kraus, MO*
Janet Foy, CO
Rose Newman, WA
Sue Curry Shaffer, CA*
Bill Warren, MA*
Kathy Jones, TX*

*New member(s) of the Regional Championships Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To promote and recognize the pursuit of excellence by providing a showcase venue for riders within each USDF region.

Goals:

1. Establish and update guidelines for qualifying as needed.
2. Educate championship management.
3. Provide recognition and rewards.
4. Promote the championships.
5. Increase the number of participants.

2010 Objectives:

1. Continue to revise evaluation process of championships. Revise the form used by the Regional Director/USDF representative and consider adding a similar form to be completed by the technical delegate.
2. Revise qualifying process to streamline and make more efficient and competitor-friendly for competitors, secretaries and USDF office.
3. Revise rules to clarify the procedure for qualifying outside the home region.
4. Develop selection criteria to identify senior technical delegates qualified to officiate at Regional Championships.
5. Work with the USDF Competition Management and Technical Delegates Councils to increase the knowledge of Regional Championship rules.

6. Review the Contract and Managers Handbook in order to more closely match the requirements of the Host Site Application and Evaluation Forms. Consider identifying an Ad-hoc subcommittee of managers to work on this project.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Revised the form used by the Regional Director/USDF representative. This form was only used by the staff representative and is still under revision.
- Began discussion with USEF Dressage Committee to develop selection criteria to identify senior technical delegates qualified to officiate at Regional Championships.
- Reviewed the Contract and Managers Notebook in order to more closely match the requirement of the Host Site Application and Evaluation Forms.

2011 Objectives:

1. Continue to revise rules to clarify the procedure for qualifying outside the home region.
2. Define the 'home region'.
3. Examine qualifying periods (to make it easier for competitors, managers and office).
4. Create a web page for Regional Championship managers.
5. Create standard Program Cover front page requirements for Great American logos.
6. Revise the mission statement and goals.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Revised language to B.3 and C.12 to clarify region of residence.
- II. Examine qualifying periods (to make it easier for competitors, managers and office).
- III. Discuss the concept behind the Declaration of Intent form and its efficiency.
- IV. Address refund policy for Regional Championship classes.
- V. Address the issue of a horse being ridden by more than one rider at a championship.
- VI. Discuss requiring competitors to supply score checks for Regional Championship entries.
- VII. Revise mandatory page for Prize lists.
- VIII. Should the Young Rider Individual test scores be allowed to qualify an individual for the PSG?
- IX. Discuss the need to offer the Junior and Young Rider Team test at Regionals.
- X. Revise the mission statement and goals.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

Sport Horse Committee Report

Co- Chairs: Scott Hassler, MD; Kristi Wysocki, CO

Liaison: Donna Rocchetti

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2010 Committee Members:

Janine Malone, NC
Mary Alice Malone, PA*
Melanie Sloyer, PA
Doug Langer, OH
Susan Madden Mandas, OH
Charles Smith, OH
Bill Solyntjes, MN
Michele Vaughn, CA*
Rachel Ehrlich, MA
Jan Colley, TX*
Ekkehard Brysch, IL - Technical Advisor
Hilary Clayton, MI* - Technical Advisor

*New member(s) of the Sport Horse Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To promote the development of quality dressage stock in the United States.

Goals:

1. Promote breeding goals for sport horses.
2. Educate breeders, buyers, trainers and judges of the desired ideals of a sport horse.
3. Provide competition guidelines.
4. Maintain stallion performance records.
5. Promote tracking of competition records and horse recording for all horses.

2010 Objectives:

1. Evaluate/monitor the Current Year Foal Championship division addition to the breeder series and finals.
2. Schedule 2010 Sport Horse Seminar(s).
3. Edit and expand PowerPoint presentation for Sport Horse Seminars as needed.
4. Develop manual for Sport Horse Seminars based on the PowerPoint presentation.
5. Continue to develop standardized videos and other visual materials for USDF Sport Horse Seminars.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Monitored the Current Year Foal Championship division addition to the breeder series and finals and see the need to revise current language. However, the program as a whole was a big success and well received.
- Held 2010 USDF Sport Horse Seminar and USDF Sport Horse Handlers Seminar at Horses Unlimited in October. Feedback received to date was very positive. Horses Unlimited was a great host providing a good facility, two meals a day for participants, and lots of horses for evaluation.
- Continued to expand PowerPoint presentation for Sport Horse Seminars. Obtained copyright permission from editor for drawings in PowerPoint. They will provide higher resolution copies for improved quality in the PowerPoint.
- Power Point presentation loaned to USEF for training program for USEF DSHB Judge's program in September. Instructors found it very helpful in their program.
- Revised and approved the 2011 Sport Horse score sheets.
- Saw anticipated growth in one area of the country and split one series into two finals: north central and east central.
- Clarification of USDF All-Breeds awards policy.

2011 Objectives:

1. Continue to grow the series finals during times of slow economic growth.
2. Create a Host Site application for Series Finals along with revising the Sport Horse rules for breeder series finals as needed per the applications.
3. Create a Master score sheet for the Amateur Handler class.
4. Increase education to Sport Horse Series Finals managers, judges and TDs.
5. Incorporate clear policy as to USDF's responsibilities (i.e. advertising) to host farms for the USDF Sport Horse Seminars.
6. Revise USDF Sport Horse Handler Seminar guidelines to fit new allowed one-day format.
7. Develop recommendation to USEF for TD training specific to DSHB shows.
8. Establish date and host location for 2011 DSHB Sport Horse Seminar.
9. Develop manual for DSHB Sport Horse Seminars based on PowerPoint – to follow finalization of copyright permission and update of drawings.
10. Continue to expand PowerPoint presentation and develop video library for Sport Horse Seminars.
11. Start to develop ideas for 2015 score sheet modifications. Discuss conformation section in detail.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Announce 2011 site location for DSHB Sport Horse Seminar.
- II. Announce status of PowerPoint – copyright issues resolved in 2010.
- III. Discuss TD training program idea.
- IV. Discuss ideas of score sheet modifications for 2015 – conformation section.
 - a. Solicit ideas from general membership.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

Technical Delegates Committee Report

Chair: Dianne Stanley, MT*

Liaison: Krystina Firth

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2010 Committee Members:

Tamla Nichols, VA
Carolyn Borgert, KY
Linda Lester, FL
Laura Gloor, MN
Rusty Cook, NM
Kaye Phaneuf, OR*
Rebecca Lewis, CA
Paul Cormier, MA
Carolyn VandenBerg, TX*

*New member(s) of the Technical Delegates Committee for 2010.

Mission:

To provide education and an organized voice for Technical Delegates.

Goals:

1. Provide educational programs for technical delegates and aspiring technical delegates.
2. Review United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rules and rule change proposals.
3. Establish regular contact with all technical delegates through regional coordinators.
4. Establish a dialog between the Competition Management Committee and the Technical Delegates Committee in order to encourage show managers to use technical delegates as a resource.

2010 Objectives:

1. Monitor rule changes and make comments where appropriate.
2. Promote interest in the TD Apprentice Clinic.
3. Provide a forum for TDs through email exchanges for discussion of situations that cannot be easily resolved by application of the rules.
4. Review the Technical Delegate Checklist and update areas that are affected by current rule changes.
5. Continue communication with committee members and encourage them to share information with technical delegates in their regions and to be available to answer question from competitors.
6. Review the Dressage Show Protocol.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Promoted interest in TD Apprentice Clinic by posting information in USDF publications encouraging readers to ask questions about the role and duties of a TD and how one can become a TD.
- Discussed rules and rule changes within committee by email and sent out emails for mass distribution informing other TDs about proposed rule changes listed on the USEF Web site, providing an opportunity to make comments if desired.
- Revised TD Checklist.
- Provided forum for TDs via email for discussion of situations that could not be easily resolved by application of the rules.
- Served as a resource to answer USDF member questions regarding equipment and dressage protocol.

2011 Objectives:

1. Review and revise Dressage Show Protocol and encourage use of document.
2. Review and refine TD Checklist.
3. Establish regular contact with all TDs through regional coordinators.
4. Establish communication with Competition Management Committee.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Discussion of situations encountered at 2010 competitions.
- II. Discussion of proposed rule changes.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

None

Youth Programs Committee Report *

**New committee for 2010*

Chair: Roz Kinstler, MI

Liaison: Erica Minks

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2010 Committee Members:

Kathy Rowse, VA
Laurie Moore, MI
Dorothy Mueller, MI
Roberta Williams, OH
Lloyd Landkamer, MN
Julie Barringer – Richers, CO
Dorie Vlatten Schmitz, AZ
Gaye McCabe, OR
Lendon Gray, NY

Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee Members:

**Formerly the Youth Executive Board*

Chair: Nicole DelGiorno, NJ
Advisor: Gaye McCabe, OR
Lauren Griffin, IN
Amira Fuller, MO
Aylin Corapcioglu, CO
Lily Thompson, ID
Genay Vaughn, CA
Mary Bahniuk Lauritsen, MA
Faith Morris, TX

Mission:

To promote dressage to young equestrians while providing for the future of the sport.

Goals:

1. Provide educational opportunities.
2. Provide recognition programs.
3. Increase number of Junior/Young Rider participants.
4. Promote sportsmanship at the Junior/Young Rider level.

2010 Objectives:

1. Provide educational opportunities.
2. Outreach to other interscholastic organizations with dressage components, such as RIFNA and IEL.
3. Provide recognition programs.
4. Increase number of youth members.
5. Promote sportsmanship at the youth level.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Successfully held the seventh edition of the USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program with 18 participants and 19 speakers on January 16-18, 2010, in West Palm Beach, Florida.
- Received 18 applications for the 2010 USDF nominee for the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award.
- Raised over \$7,000 at the 2009 Youth Silent Auction held annually at convention.
- Received 15 applicants for the 2010 Youth Convention Scholarship and two nominations for the USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year
- The Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee met during the 2010 NAJYRC to discuss current projects and developed a proposal for a youth education scholarship

2011 Objectives:

1. Continue with above.
2. Develop grass-roots education including GMO-based youth clinics.
3. Find ways to improve and enhance the Dressage Seat Medal Program.
4. Plan the eighth edition of the USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program.
5. Award up to four Youth Convention Scholarships.
6. Raise money at the annual silent auction to support the Youth Convention Scholarship Fund.
7. Select the 2011 USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Youth clinics.
- II. Dressage Seat Medal Program.
- III. Discuss ideas for the next Young Rider Graduate Program.

Items to come before the Executive Board:

1. Modification of the Youth Volunteer of the Year award selection process.