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# **Administration Council**

## **Bylaws Committee Report**

**Chair:** Chris Trentelman, FL

**Liaison:** Deborah Dunivant

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 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 2011.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Progress to Date:**

- Incorporated Bylaws changes approved by the BOG in 2010 into the Bylaws and published them on the USDF Web site.
- Assisted in the formation of the language for the job description for the new At-Large Directors.
- Assisted the Nominating Committee in formulating the procedure for the election of ALD's.

**Concerns:**

None.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

None.

## GMO Committee Report

**Chair:** Anne Sushko, IA

**Liaison:** Melissa Schoedlbauer

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 Committee Members:**

Gardy Bloemers, VA\*  
Brynn Hansen, WI\*  
Barbara Petti, FL  
Gillian Howell, NE\*  
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 2011.

#### **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.

#### **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.
6. Facilitate distribution of GMO documents via flash drive.
7. Work more closely with Membership Committee to meet mutual goals.

#### **Progress to Date:**

- Provided “GMO tidbits” to editor of *USDF Connection* for GMO-related editorial.

- Finalized the proposed revision of the GMO awards program. This includes changes to the awards offered, criteria, and judging process.
- Discussed the possibility of having an educational session hosted by the GMO Committee.
- Contacted GMOs regarding the GMO Affiliate Verification Form.
- Encouraged GMO officials in each region to join the GMOPrez List.
- Began dialogue with the Membership Committee about mutual goals.

**Concerns:**

None.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

1. Review proposed changes to GMO awards.

## Historical Recognition Committee Report

**Chair:** Anne Moss, PA

**Liaison:** Kim Sodt

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 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

\*There are no new members of the Historical Recognition Committee for 2011.

#### **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.

#### **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.
5. Develop possible criteria for Equine Ambassador recognition.

**Progress to Date:**

- Announcements of the May 1 deadline for Hall of Fame/Lifetime Achievement Award nominations has been posted on a web banner ad ([www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)), April issue of Heads-Up in *USDF Connection*, April e-news and the GMO Prezlist through Yahoo.

**Concerns:**

None.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

None.

## Membership Committee Report

**Chair:** Anneliese Vogt Harber, GA

**Liaison:** Melissa Schoedlbauer

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 Committee Members:**

Kevin Bradbury, MI  
Judith Fiorentino, AL  
Holly Scherzer, AL  
Anne Sushko, IA\*  
Tracie Wang, NE  
Corinne Stonier, OR\*  
Paula Langan, CA  
Debra Carr-Kirk, MA

\*New member(s) of the Membership Committee for 2011.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Progress to Date:**

None.

#### **Concerns:**

None.

#### **Items to come before the Executive Board:**

None.

## Nominating Committee Report

**Chair:** Miki Christophersen, KS

**Liaison:** Sarah Jones

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 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: Kay Lorenzen, AZ\*  
Region 6: Marsha Williams, OR  
Region 7: Tracy Underwood, CA\*  
Region 8: Elaine S. Donoghue, MA  
Region 9: Kathryn Kyle, TX

\*New member(s) of the Nominating Committee for 2011.

#### **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.

#### **2011 Objectives:**

1. Procure nominations for PM delegates 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.
7. Follow up by the Nominating Committee on the proposed ALD Bylaws after the outcome from the BOG session is known.

**Progress to Date:**

- Notification letters were sent to GMOs who failed to respond to delegate and proxy holder requests for the 2010 convention in Jacksonville.
- Nominations are being procured for PM delegate positions in all nine regions, with the deadline for nominations being April 15.
- Biographies from each PM delegate will be posted on the USDF Web site and will be published in the June issue of *USDF Connection*.
- Currently, the At-Large Directors Working Group has drafted a committee nomination request letter for At-Large Directors and an implementation plan for ALD elections.

**Concerns:**

None.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

None.

# **Technical Council**

## Competition Management Committee Report

**Chair:** Regina Antonioli, CA

**Liaison:** Krystina Firth

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 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

\*There are no new member(s) of the Competition Management Committee for 2011.

#### **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 Council and other councils, as well as the USDF office staff.
6. Provide competition management education and show secretary education.

#### **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?

#### **Progress to Date:**

- Discussed with Technical Delegates Committee Chair ways to better facilitate communication between the Technical Delegates and Competition Management Committees.
- New concept by Lloyd Landkamer and Janet Foy to introduce CDI 2\*s – supported.

**Concerns:**

- Challenge to resolve conflict of protecting existing show management and allowing new dates and venues.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

None.

## Freestyle Committee Report

**Chair:** Janet (Dolly) Hannon, CO

**Liaison:** Kim Sodt

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 Committee Members:**

Tigger Montague, VA  
Terry Ciotti Gallo, FL  
Marlene Schneider, MN  
Anna Lucy Keller, ID  
Jane Escola, CA  
Alexandra Howard, CA  
Ann Guptill, CT  
Debra Reinhardt, CT  
Susan Howard, TX

\*There are no new member(s) of the Freestyle Committee for 2011.

#### **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 deux and quadrille rules, guidelines, definitions and score sheets.
3. Coordinate with the Judges Committee and with Competition Management and Awards Councils.
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.

#### **2011 Objectives:**

1. Continue to track judges who have completed freestyle education.
2. Continue to improve and update web pages.
3. Continue to update the freestyle, pas de deux, and quadrille tests, rules and guidelines.
4. Initiate GMO Charity Challenge.
5. Work with the "L" Program and Judges Committees on updating material for education programs.
6. Present a series of three articles in *Connection* on developing a freestyle.
7. Start a pilot project to include pas de deux and quadrille at Regional Championships.

8. Work on ideas to promote freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille.

**Progress to Date:**

- The freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille web pages have been updated to include the finalized 2011 rules, guidelines and definitions.
- Currently working with Judges and 'L' Program Committees to update the educational materials in the Musical Freestyle "L" Elective Weekend.

**Concerns:**

None.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

1. Request the review and approval of the GMO Charity Challenge proposal.

## Instructor Trainer Committee Report

**Chair:** Gerhard Politz, CA

**Liaison:** Kathie Robertson

***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17  
Lexington, KY***

### **2011 Committee Members:**

Deborah Bowman, VA  
Bailey Cook, NC\*  
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

\*New member(s) of the Instructor Trainer Committee for 2011.

### **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.

### **2011 Objectives:**

1. Develop and implement training program for new level Faculty.
2. Implement workshops and final exams for new level of certification.
3. Revise USDF Teaching Manual.
4. Host three USDF Instructor Certification Final Exams.
5. Identify education/testing centers.

### **Progress to Date:**

- Implementation of the new faculty level has begun. Invitations have been sent to all eligible certified instructors and the response has been very positive. To date, we have reviewed ten applications – a 22 percent response rate. A date (in the fall) and location have been selected for the first training session.
- Work has begun to incorporate the curriculum in all materials for the new level of certification (Training – First Level). Materials will be finalized when the new name for the program has been finalized.

- Two final exams are scheduled for the spring, one in Texas and one in Maryland.
- As the new level of certification (Training - First Level) is implemented, we will begin to promote our program more within the college programs and IDA.
- Staff is working with interested colleges to incorporate our curriculum into their course work. Currently, Averett University (Danville, VA) is running a workshop series and pre-certification as part of the course work for students in their dressage program. These workshops are open to non-students as well – this particular series is full with a waiting list. Averett University plans to host a test in the fall. They also plan to host this program every other year in rotation with USEA's Instructor Certification Program. This program will serve as a model that can be presented to other schools as they show interest.
- Mt. Holyoke has also expressed interest in serving as an education/testing center for the program. While they do not have a 'dressage specific' program, they do have an Intercollegiate Dressage Team and members of their staff are currently Certified Instructors. As we begin to develop the workshop series they will offer, this will also serve as a model that can be presented to other schools as they show interest.
- The committee continues to seek opportunities for financial support for instructors who wish to go through our program. Currently, TDF has modified their Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors Fund, established by Maryal Barnett, to allow individuals to apply for funding support as they go through our certification program. This spring, grants were awarded to three individuals who are currently enrolled in a workshop series.

**Concerns:**

- Executive Board appointment to this committee.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

None.

## Judges Committee Report

**Chair:** Lois Yukins, MA

**Liaison:** Kim Sodt

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 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

\*There are no new member(s) of the Judges Committee for 2011.

#### **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.

#### **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 and keep improving on open communication between riders, trainers, judges and show management.

**Progress to Date:**

- Professional videos of the new tests have been purchased and are in the process of being edited for use in judge education.
- A working group has been set up to update the Musical Freestyle "L" Elective Weekend materials for the Continuing Education Program for judges and USDF "L" graduates.
- Committee is monitoring the new dressage tests and feedback from membership to share with USEF.
- Committee is sharing judging concerns through articles in *USDF Connection* and USEF Judges Forums.

**Concerns:**

None.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

None.

## **“L” Program Committee Report**

**Chair:** Marilyn Heath, FL

**Liaison:** Kim Sodt

***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17  
Lexington, KY***

### **2011 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

\*There are no new member(s) of the “L” Program Committee for 2011.

### **Mission:**

To be determined.

### **Goals:**

To be determined.

### **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.

**Progress to Date:**

- The following USDF "L" Program materials have been updated for 2011: Participant Flash drive, Organizer and Faculty CDs.
- A press packet has been incorporated into the Organizer CD providing organizers with the tools to promote their individual program/sessions. Promotional tools in the press packet include: logos, press release templates, photos, FAQs, and articles about the "L" Program.
- All "L" Faculty teaching DVDs have been updated to reflect the new USEF rules, tests and video footage of the new tests/movements.
- The video library is continuing to expand allowing for more educational videos supplementing the demonstration riders at each session; educational and evaluative.

**Concerns:**

None.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

1. Request the review and approval of proposed committee mission statement and goals.

## Technical Delegates Committee Report

**Chair:** Dianne Stanley, MT

**Liaison:** Krystina Firth

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 Committee Members:**

Natalie DiBerardinis, MD\*  
Carolyn Borgert, KY  
Linda Lester, FL  
Laura Gloor, MN  
Eva-Maria Adolphi, UT\*  
Rusty Cook, NM  
Kaye Phaneuf, OR  
Rebecca Lewis, CA  
Paul Cormier, MA  
Carolyn VandenBerg, TX

\*New member(s) of the Technical Delegates Committee for 2011.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Progress to Date:**

- USEF rules and rule change proposals were reviewed on a periodic basis and information forwarded to all TDs.
- Dressage Protocol was revised in January 2011.

- TD Committee and Competition Management Committee are working together to identify ways to encourage show managers to use TDs as a resource.

**Concerns:**

None.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

None.

# **Activities Council**

## Adult Programs Committee Report

**Chair:** Fran Crocco, NJ

**Liaison:** Kathie Robertson

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 Committee Members:**

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

\*There are no new member(s) of the Adult Programs Committee for 2011.

#### **Mission:**

To encourage, increase and enrich adult participating in dressage by providing educational opportunities and recognition of achievement.

#### **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.

#### **2011 Objectives:**

1. Coordinate final Adult Clinic with Charlotte Bredahl Baker.
2. Finalize selection of clinician for Adult Clinics to be held between April 1, 2011–March 31, 2013.
3. Identify locations and host four Adult Clinics.
4. Finalize University credits associated with e-TRAK.
5. Increase number of University accredited programs.
6. Select education sessions to be offered during the 2011 Convention

#### **Progress to Date:**

- Final Adult Clinic with Charlotte Bredahl-Baker will be held in March.

- Lilo Fore has agreed to be the clinician for the next series. She has signed a Letter of Agreement; final contracts will be sent when dates and locations are confirmed.
- Dates have been confirmed for five clinics, with one location still pending. The remaining four regions are working to confirm their dates.
- Developing ideas for online education modules. The curriculum for these modules will be based on content within e-TRAK. Members who complete these education modules will be eligible for University credits.
- Because of the new tests, we have seen an increase in University accredited programs.

**Concerns:**

- Intent of education at convention.
  - Should an education program be developed to draw attendees to convention just for education?

## Awards Committee Report

**Chair:** Peggy Klump, CA

**Liaison:** Krystina Firth

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 Committee Members:**

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

\*There are no new member(s) of the Awards Committee for 2011.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Progress to Date:**

- Finalized unfinished business from convention with regards to the redraft of a previously submitted goal.
- Reviewed the motions approved by the BOG at the convention last year.
- Developed and approved a P&P change regarding an exception to the October 15, awards correction deadline.

**Concerns:**

None.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

1. Approval of a new Awards Committee goal.

At the fall Executive Board meeting, the committee presented the following proposed new goal:

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.

The EB questioned the goal of a tiered awards program and sent it back to the committee for more work. The EB also did not support “c”.

The new goal presented is as follows:

Offer the membership an 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.

## FEI Jr/YR Committee Report

**Chair:** Roberta Williams, OH

**Liaison:** Erica Minks

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 Committee Members:**

Patsy Albers, MD  
Roz Kinstler, MI  
Susan Bender, SC  
Nancy Gorton, MO  
Kathy Donnelly, CO\*  
Emma Dye, WA  
Michele Vaughn, CA\*  
Karen Davis, NY  
Richard Howard, TX\*

Eva Salomon, KY – Advisor  
Lloyd Landkamer, MN – Advisor

\*New member(s) of the FEI Jr/YR Committee for 2011.

#### **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.

#### **2011 Objectives:**

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

#### **Progress to Date:**

- 150 NAJYRC Declarations of Intent have been received in the USDF office.
- Successful FEI Jr/YR Clinics were held in Region 9, Region 6, and Region 2.
- A Chef's guide for NAJYRC was created by USEF and distributed among the USDF coordinators and Chefs.

**Concerns:**

None.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

None.

## Regional Championships Committee Report

**Chair:** Veronica Holt, CO

**Liaison:** Donna Rocchetti

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 Committee Members:**

Bettina Longaker, VA  
Lisa Gorretta, OH  
Roberta Williams, OH  
John Zopatti, FL  
Jean Kraus, MO  
Peggy Farmer, AZ\*  
Rose Newman, WA  
Anne Howard, CA\*  
Bill Warren, MA  
Kathy Jones, TX

\*New member(s) of the Regional Championships Committee for 2011.

#### **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.

#### **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 format requirements for Great American logos.
6. Revise the mission statement and goals.
7. Revise the Host Site Application document.

### **Progress to Date:**

- A working group formed to revise the Manager's notebook in 2010, suggested that the information be posted on the Web site in order to provide easy access to the information. Managers' Notebook now available on-line and forms are being added.
- March 9 committee meeting discussed and amended Mission statement.
- Home region is defined by the region that is found in the USDF database. The program rules amended so that it is clear to the competitor.

### **Concerns:**

None.

### **Items to come before the Executive Board:**

1. Approval of the 2012 Regional Championships.
2. Revised Mission statement:

"To promote and recognize the pursuit of excellence by providing a showcase ~~venue~~ **competition that meets established quality standards** for riders within each USDF region."

## **Sport Horse Committee Report**

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

**Liaison:** Donna Rocchetti

***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17  
Lexington, KY***

### **2011 Committee Members:**

Janine Malone, NC  
Mary Alice Malone, PA  
Melanie Sloyer, PA  
Susan Madden Mandas, OH  
Charles Smith, OH  
Bill Solyntjes, MN  
Michele Vaughn, CA  
Kathy Hickerson, NH\*  
Jan Colley, TX

Ekkehard Brysch, IL – Technical Advisor  
Hilary Clayton, MI – Technical Advisor

\*New member(s) of the Sport Horse Committee for 2011.

### **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.

### **2011 Objectives:**

1. Continue to grow the series finals during times of slow economic growth.
2. Finalize 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 teaching manual and student 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.

**Progress to Date:**

- 2012 Breeder Series Finals Host Site application has been developed and will be available by spring 2011 on the USDF Web site. This new application creates a much clearer minimum standard for Breeder Series Finals.
- 2012 USDF Breeders Championship Series Rules complete.
- 2011 DSHB Sport Horse Seminar will be held at Majestic Farms, Batavia, Ohio on October 29-30, 2011.
- Establishing a press kit for enhanced marketing of seminars for use by the host site.
- Amateur Handler score sheet composed and available for review. This score sheet will not become official until the 2015 score sheet revisions.

**Concerns:**

- Justification of committee members having to attend convention with current schedule of events. Lack of closed meeting.
- Communication and consistency amongst faculties of different branches of USDF education: L program, Certification program, Sport Horse Seminars.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

1. Request: Closed meeting at the 2011 convention for approved faculty of Sport Horse Seminars. Introduction to the new DSHB Seminar Power Point, Instructors manual and student manual.
2. Request: Closed Sport Horse Committee meeting prior to 5pm Tuesday commencement of convention 2011.
3. Recommendation: Development of USEF TD education program specific to DSHB shows.
4. Request: DSHB Sport Horse Seminar faculty members be allowed to attend Hilary Clayton Biomechanics session at convention annually.
5. USEF Rule change: re: Dressage/Sport Horse Under Saddle Class definition. To allow geldings in the Four and over division.
6. Budget line item: \$400 for continued AV development.

## Youth Programs Committee Report

**Chair:** Roz Kinstler, MI

**Liaison:** Erica Minks

### ***2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 16 – April 17 Lexington, KY***

#### **2011 Committee Members:**

Kathy Rowse, VA  
Laurie Moore, MI  
Dorothy Mueller, MI  
Roberta Williams, OH  
Tami Crawford, TN\*  
Lloyd Landkamer, MN  
Julie Barringer – Richers, CO  
Dorie Vlatten Schmitz, AZ  
Gaye McCabe, OR  
Lendon Gray, NY  
Anne Kuhns, OK\*

\*New member(s) of the Youth Programs Committee for 2011.

#### **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.

#### **2011 Objectives:**

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

#### **Progress to Date:**

- The date and location of the 2012 USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program have been finalized. A contract with the host hotel is complete.

- Speakers and topics for the 2012 USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program have been selected.

**Concerns:**

None.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

1. Approval of Modifications to the Youth Volunteer of the Year Selection Procedure.

**Background**

The Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee (former Youth Executive Board) has been responsible for reviewing the nominations and selecting the winner for the USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award. On October 29, 2010 the Youth Programs Committee voted and approved to move the YVOY review/selection process to the Youth Programs Committee, with the Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee providing feedback to the Youth Programs Committee, thereby, remaining involved in the selection process.

A proposal with changes to the selection process was submitted to the Executive Board at the 2010 USDF Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. This proposal included the Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee in the selection process. The board had concerns regarding a conflict of interest, and asked that this go back to the committees. This issue was readdressed by the Youth Programs Committee and the Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee, and the Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee has been removed from the official YVOY selection process.

The language has been updated in the document that follows.



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

**USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year**

Presented by *The Paddock Saddlery*

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The USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award is a prestigious award of national scope that annually recognizes USDF's most outstanding youth volunteer who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment "...to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage." – USDF mission statement.

**Criteria**

- Nominee must be a current USDF Participating Member (PM) or USDF Group Member (GM).
- Current members of the USDF Youth Programs ~~Committee Advisory Subcommittee~~ and USDF staff are not eligible.
- Nominee must have volunteered a minimum of 25 hours during the current membership year on any dressage related events including, but not limited to:  
Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals, Adequan/USDF National Symposiums, Adequan /USDF Annual Conventions, USDF Adult Clinics, USDF Adult Team Competitions, USDF Youth Regional Team Competitions, USDF FEI Jr/YR Rider Clinics, USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Programs, USDF "L" Education Programs, USDF Instructor Certification Programs, FEI-Level Trainers Conferences, and any GMO sponsored educational activities.

**Nomination Process**

- Nominations can be made by any current USDF GM or PM.
- Person nominating will be required to complete a questionnaire about the individual being nominated on their volunteer efforts at the national, regional, and local level.
- Nomination forms will be available on the USDF Web site.
- Deadline for receipt of nominations by the USDF office is August 31.
- All nominees will be notified that they have been nominated, and will receive a congratulatory letter, signed by the USDF president. The winner will be notified by October 1.
- The winner must agree to attend the Adequan/ USDF Annual Convention in the year of the nomination. The deadline to commit to attend the convention is October 15. Runners up and other nominees are also encouraged to attend convention.
- The winner will be recognized at the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention.

**Selection**

- Winner will be selected by members of the **USDF Youth Programs Committee. and ~~the USDF Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee.~~**
- ~~USDF Youth Programs Committee Chairperson is a non-voting advisor.~~
- ~~Any Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee member nominated for the award will abstain from the selection process.~~

**Award**

- The recipient will be presented with a perpetual trophy at the USDF convention, and will receive a “keeper” trophy.
- There will also be a press release, and the winner will be featured in the Yearbook issue of *USDF Connection*.