

AYA Board of Directors Election

Timeline:

December 13 Returned ballots must be received IN THE ApHC OFFICE
January 5 Election results will be available

For 2012 we are holding elections for territories II, IV & VI zones A and C, and territories I, III & V zone B. There are, however a few Vacant positions on the Board of Directors that are not on the schedule to be elected until next year and we will accept write-ins for a one year term, to be re-elected in the regularly scheduled elections. Please remember that current youth directors who are still eligible may be re-elected to the Board.

Statements of Qualification and Purpose from 2012 BOD Candidates:

Alicia Johnson, 14 (1 year term, to be re-elected in the fall)
Olympia, WA
Territory I, zone A

Statement of Qualifications:

Hi, my name is Alicia Johnson! I am 14 years old, in the 8th grade and live in Olympia, WA. I believe I am qualified to hold this office as I am an all round Appaloosa competitor. I have been riding Appaloosas since I was 7 years old! I do all events with Appaloosas. From trail riding to jumping to performance to gaming! And I am learning to rope this year! I think I understand the youth riders love of each event! And love to talk to everyone about every kind of competing.

I compete not only at Appaloosa shows but also at open shows and gaming, as well as 4-H. I belong to 3 regional Appaloosa clubs, Mt. Rainier Appaloosa Club, Oregon Trail Appaloosa Club and the Southwest Regional Club. I believe you have to get out there and show your spots. Needless to say, I love appaloosas!

Statement of Purpose:

In the next year, I would like to have more youth riders participating in Appaloosa events in our region. I would like to see if the youth can promote club membership. I want to promote more appaloosa gaming at shows in our region. I would like to help make a national plan to promote appaloosas to youth and encourage everyone to show your spots! Get out and ride!

Maris Stilinovich, 15
Star, ID
Territory I, zone B

Statement of Qualification:

My name is Maris Stilinovich and I am running for the Appaloosa Youth Association Board of Directors. I am currently 16 years old and in my sophomore year of high school where I maintain a 3.9 GPA. I have been a very active member of the Appaloosa club for four years and I currently own three horses that are registered with the club. I enjoy competing across the west and attended my first world championships this past summer. In the past, I have held positions on the board of 4H and regional horse clubs. I am very dedicated and determined in everything I do, I always push the limits and set high goals.

Statement of Purpose:

If elected onto the board of directors one of my main objectives would be to get more youth in my area involved and to promote the Appaloosa breed. I think it is very important that the ApHC has a strong youth base because we are the future of the club. Another item I would strive to accomplish would be to continue to set a positive example for my peers in the Appaloosa Youth Association. I would be honored to have this chance to represent and give back to my "Breed of Choice".

Sincerely,
Maris Stilinovich

Shelby Stoffel, 14
Wilton, CA
Territory II, zone A

Statement of Qualification:

Hi my name is Shelby Stoffel. I am a freshman at Pleasant Grove High School in Elk Grove, California. I have been around horses my entire life and would like to become more involved with them.

Statement of Purpose:

If elected to the AYA Board of Directors I will work hard to promote the breed in my area.

Holly Williams, 15
Bogart, GA
Territory V, zone B

Statement of Qualification:

I believe I am uniquely qualified to hold the office of AYA Director for my region. I am currently a sophomore in High School at Athens Academy in Athens, GA, and have been riding since I was six years old. I began competing in smaller open shows, have competed at the Georgia 4-H State show, and qualified to represent the state of Georgia at 4-H Southern Regionals for the past two years in the stock seat division. I have also enjoyed competing in several Appaloosa Breed shows in my local area. I have been a member of the Appaloosa Youth Association since January, 2009, when I first became an Appaloosa breed owner. My personal riding goal is to compete at Appaloosa Youth Worlds in the Summer of 2012.

Statement of Purpose:

I am passionate about promoting the Appaloosa Breed and am specifically interested in reaching youth to teach them about these beautiful horses. Specifically, I would like to work with the Appaloosa Youth Association to create an Appaloosa Youth YouTube Channel that would make educational videos to promote opportunities available through the Appaloosa Youth Association: Riding, Showing, Recognition, Resources, Contests and Scholarships. These short video clips could be integrated into the Appaloosa Youth Association website and could also be featured on its Facebook page. I would also like to create an “App” blog to promote these opportunities and resources. In short, I would like to promote the Appaloosa Youth Association and raise awareness through the use of social media, video, and blogging.

Anya DeVan, 15 (1 year term, to be re-elected in the fall)

Harrisburg, PA

Territory VI, zone B

Statement of Qualification:

Hello, my name is Anya DeVan and I’m 15 years old. I live on a farm in Harrisburg PA. I believe I’m qualified to represent the territory 6, zone B because I grew up riding Appaloosas which have been a life long passion of mine. When I began to have an interest in the showing side of Appaloosas I was fortunate to have Ray and Connie Burchett as my trainers. I look forward to continuing my showing career and am excited to share my passion with others.

Statement of Purpose:

If elected, I would like to increase membership and participation in our area. Being in Tulsa, Oklahoma this summer gave me a desire to have our zone and territory grow and represent this coming show year. Since Joining the Appaloosa Youth Association, I have had lots of fun and am enthusiastic about getting new and bright faces involved.

Best of luck to the Youth who have declared their candidacy and to all of those who wish to run as write-in candidates.