

Meet your 2018 candidates for the board

Dena Hagberg

My name is Dena (Colleen) Hagberg. I have been a member of MQHA for the past 16 years. My husband Jason and I are both breeders and exhibitors of Quarter Horses. I have enjoyed the many talents of the quarter horse throughout my life. As a young girl I fell in love with the Quarter Horses. First as a recreational rider and then went on to do Barrel Racing for many years. I bought my first pleasure horse from Merv and Rosie Hauge 16 years ago. The mare's name was Heavy Duty Diva aka "Lucy." I showed Lucy in Pleasure, Horsemanship, Showmanship, HUS, Equitation, Trail, WR and Pleasure Driving. I am currently showing 2 of her granddaughters!

We own and operate a Farm in Bowlus, MN and a Restaurant/Pub in Sauk Rapids, MN.

If I am elected to serve as a board member I am hoping to use my business background to help MQHA grow over the next few years. Working along side the many committed members I think we can make great progress to reach the goals of MQHA.

I believe that in order for organizations to grow and prosper its leaders must have fiscal financial accountability and transparency, a good working budget, good marketing strategies, be open minded and willing to listen to new ideas.

I believe that the nature of a Board of Directors is to serve its members to the best of their abilities. Thank You, Dena



23 and our son Riley is 12. We have raised and own many wonderful horses over the years but our stallion, One Hot Chocolate, allows us to reinvest in the future of the quarter horse industry every year. My favorite time of year, by far, is foaling season. I hope I can help renew the interest, participation and energy to the MQHA Board of Directors that the foals continuously give to me. Thank you.

Mallory Storm

My name is Mallory Storm. I train full time for Storm Quarter Horses.

We specialize in the all-around show horse. My favorite events are Trail and Hunter Under Saddle. I grew up running barrel horses and still enjoy it. I would like to be more involved with MQHA and think I would be an asset to the Board due to my past show management experience. I currently hold a position on the MN State 4-H Judges Committee and Show Committee as well as helping run the State 4-H Horse Show and organizing the volunteers for the show. I serve as a member on the Board of Directors and Show Committee for MidState North Star Saddle Club. I was a student coach of my college IHSA team while obtaining my degree in Equine Studies from Rocky Mountain College. I look forward to getting to know more MQHA members and learn more about this great organization through this process. Good luck to everyone showing at Masters and Congress!



Nancy Klaus

My name is Nancy Klaus and I am from Hastings, Minnesota. I have had the privilege to serve the MQHA in the past as a member of the Board of Directors, Futurity Committee Member, and Youth adviser. My husband Rick and I have been married for 26 years and together 30 years and all of those years were surrounded by our mutual love of quarter horses. We have two children, our daughter Lexie is



Alyssa Tjosaas

I have been showing my triple registered horse MJ Obviously an Ace for 5 years at Quarter Horse shows in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota in addition to previously showing at Minnesota North Star Paint and Minnesota Pinto shows. We compete in Showmanship, Halter, Hunt Seat classes, Western classes



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and Trail. We had the incredible opportunity to show at the 2017 Novice East AQHA Championships in Raleigh, NC and were able to place twice in the top ten in our classes which was a highlight of our showing career. I feel that I will be an excellent board member since I have a wide variety of experiences with many different show associations and will be able to bring new ideas to the MN QH board to continue the quality work and programs that are already happening. I have been actively involved in our local 4-H county equine project serving as a co-leader for several years and have served as our weekend WSCA show chair and coordinator

and enjoy planning and organizing events for others to participate in and enjoy.

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