

Nomination of Officers for 2009 Elections

The NPS America 2009 Elections Nominating Committee consisting of Roger Cleverly, Susan Deuterman, Kathryn Rayner Freeman, and Darlene Raspotnik was approved by the NPS America Council in August. The Committee immediately got to work reviewing the positions up for election and the nominations brought to the table. They presented their final nominations to the interim Secretary, and they have been summarized for the membership below:

Position of Vice Chairman:

The duties and responsibilities of the Vice Chairman will include, but are not limited to:

- Attend all Council Meetings and respond to official business matters in a timely manner.
- Oversee all Committee activities.
- Preside at all meetings in the absence of the Chairman.
- Report on Committee progress to Officers and Council as appropriate.
- Follow up with Committees to verify progress.
- Be familiar with all Officer duties and responsibilities.
- Recruit and retain members.
- Assist the Chairman on tasks as needed.
- Obtain information from the preceding Vice Chairman.
- Familiarize/train incoming Vice Chairman.

In addition, the Vice Chairman shall act as a “Marketing Representative” for NPS America. The Marketing Representative is responsible for disseminating information to members and the general public about NPS America and its activities. Duties and responsibilities of the Marketing Representative will include, but are not limited to:

- Create and publish newsletters for members with agreed time line from the Chairman.
- Design and publish advertisements in appropriate magazines and bulletins
- Design and create banners, bookmarks, brochures and other marketing items.
- Organize the design and purchase of NPS America paraphernalia such as logo bearing clothing, coffee mugs, tote bags, etc. The sales of such items will be done in conjunction with the Treasurer.
- Write and submit articles on the activities of NPS America for appropriate equine magazines and bulletins.

Nominee for Vice Chairman:

Kelly Davidson Chou

Kelly is currently the Secretary and Newsletter Editor for the Dales Pony Society of America. She is also a member of the Dales Pony Society in the UK, the Dartmoor Pony Registry of America, and the Welsh Pony and Cob Association of California, as well as a Founding Member of NPS America. For more information on Kelly, see page 2 of the newsletter.

Position of Secretary:

The duties and responsibilities of the Secretary will include, but are not limited to:

- Attend all Council Meetings and respond to official business matters in a timely manner.
- Maintain all records of NPS America memberships, dues payments, and Council activity.
- Document NPS America proceedings through meeting minutes.
- Maintain attendance records for meetings and activities.
- Coordinate all NPS America correspondence.
- Maintain records for dues invoices and membership forms in conjunction with the Treasurer.
- Work with the Marketing Representative to submit articles for publication in appropriate venues.
- Prior to each Board meeting, recommend to the Chairman a list of business items for the agenda.
- Record member participation in NPS America activities.
- Respond to all correspondence within seven days of receipt of such and inform all Officers and pertinent Council Members of communication.
- Create a filing system for NPS America materials and pass all files on to incoming Secretary.
- Help maintain and file any paperwork for legal status of the Organization with government entities and the NPS.
- Obtain information from the preceding Secretary.
- Familiarize/train incoming Secretary.

Nominee for Secretary:

Melissa Kreuzer

Melissa Kreuzer of Dream Hayven Farm in Kewaskum, WI is a Founding Member of NPS America and a member of both the Fell Pony Society (UK) and the Fell Pony Society of North America (US), where she is that organization's Promotions Director. Melissa has a degree in Equine Management, is a licensed riding instructor, and has experience in administration and financial management. Melissa has impressed me with her willingness and drive and her attention to both the breeding side and the performance aspect of our M&M ponies. She truly believes in "Pony Power" and the mission of NPS America. She and her husband George Wendt have a strong connection to the Fell community in the UK and in their "free time" like to participate in exhibitions, parades, and historical re-enactments. I am very excited to have Melissa as a nominee for the position of Secretary. I firmly believe, if elected, she will be an outstanding addition to our NPS America team.

by Kathryn Rayner Freeman

Position of Council Member

The duties and responsibilities of the Council include, but are not limited to:

- Attend all Council Meetings and respond to official business matters in a timely manner.
- Implement and review Mission, Vision, and Strategies of NPS America.
- Assist in planning NPS America activities and meetings.
- Assist in the promotion of NPS America.
- Evaluate NPS America progress towards stated goals.
- Network to increase awareness of NPS America and assist in the recruiting of members.

Nominees for Council: (2 positions to be filled)

Caroline Nesbitt

Caroline Nesbitt of Wintervale Farm, North Sandwich, New Hampshire is a Founding Member of NPS America, a recognized author, Connemara breeder and long time American Connemara Pony Society supporter, and the owner of Epona's Pasture, a business that features M&M collectibles. Caroline has clear vision of the NPS America mission and is looking forward to helping increase competitive opportunities for M&M breeds in the Northeast. She has experience with fledgling organizations, having started her own theater company 12 years ago from the ground up. Her ***Pony Breeders Handbook*** has long been a wonderful reference book for pony owners and illustrates her depth of knowledge. Caroline has served as a Council member for the past two years and is looking forward to continuing with the organization if re-elected. I believe she offers NPS America experience and a wide background of knowledge from breeding and showing to building strong communities.

by Kathryn Rayner Freeman

Judy Brescia

Judy Brescia, of Newmont Farm, Lovettsville, Virginia is a Founding Member of NPS America, the treasurer for the Highland Pony Enthusiasts Club of America, and secretary for Region III of the American Connemara Pony Society (ACPS). I believe Judy brings to the table a unique perspective as an owner of three M&M breeds – Connemara, Welsh, and Highland. Not only does she offer a wide perspective in breeds, but she has the experience with both the “common” and the “not so common” among our M&M's. Judy was instrumental in opening competitive opportunities in the south for M&M ponies with the addition of M&M classes to the Region III ACPS show for the first time in the show's 23 year history. Judy and her husband Pat both work in Information Technology in the DC area and are very involved with their ponies and pony activities in their free time. I am excited about Judy's enthusiasm and the pure joy she exhibits as an owner of M&M ponies.

by Kathryn Rayner Freeman

Additional Nominations "from the floor" for the 2009 NPS America Elections

Nominations from the floor are welcome! This is your chance to get involved. In accordance with our by-laws, the nomination process will be as follows:

By Postal Mail:

- Complete the attached form below and have it signed by three other NPS America members.
- Attach to the form a short (250 words or less) summary of the nominee's qualifications and any other information you'd like the membership to know in regards to the nominee's ability to successfully hold the position.
- Return the form to the address below.

By E-mail:

- In the interest of time and efficiency, e-mail nominations from the floor will be accepted.
- Send e-mail to Secretary at Kathryn@npsamerica.org indicating which position you would like to run for and include the 250 word summary. Please indicate the names of your 3 supporting members in the e-mail.
- Each supporting member must send a separate e-mail to the Secretary indicating their support of the nominee.

PLEASE NOTE - all postal and e-mail correspondence must be received by the Secretary no later than October 15th, 2009 to be valid. There will be no exceptions. All properly submitted nominations from the floor will be added to the election ballot. For questions contact the Secretary at Kathryn@NPSAmerica.org.

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2009 NPS America Elections Nomination From the Floor

Nominee's name: _____

Position seeking election to: (please circle) *Vice Chairman* *Secretary* *Council Member*

Supporting NPS America Members: (three individuals required)

Member Name: _____ Signature: _____

Member Name: _____ Signature: _____

Member Name: _____ Signature: _____

Remember to attach a brief summary of the nominee's qualifications and background and send mail to:

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