

AQHA Director's Report

I attended the 2010 AQHA Convention in Kissimmee, FL from March 4th to 8th. My responsibilities included chairing the AQHA Board of Directors meeting, and participating in the meetings of the AQHA Amateur Committee, and the AQHA Board of Directors meetings. In July, I was appointed to the AQHA Hall of Fame Committee and attended a meeting in Amarillo where the 2011 inductees were selected. I was also reassigned from the Amateur Committee where I served since 1996, to the Marketing & Membership Committee as AQHA decided it was time to rotate committee members so that they may learn about new facets of the industry.

I will be attending the 2011 AQHA Convention in Grapevine, TX from March 3th to 7th. Last year, the AQHA approved changes to its By-Laws pertaining to the age limits and/or number of years of service as an elected AQHA Director which are required to elevate to an AQHA Director At Large or Director Emeritus status. As I have been elevated as an AQHA Director At Large, a vacancy was created for MQHA to recommend a nominee for this vacated "elected" position. MQHA President Patricia Odlum and I both submitted letters of recommendation and support to the AQHA Nominations & Credentials Committee on behalf of Larry Clifford to represent Manitoba. Larry will also be attending the March 2011 AQHA Convention in Texas and will be interviewed by the Committee and presumably confirmed as a Director on Monday, March 7th. All things being equal, this will provide MQHA with two voices on the 2011 AQHA Board of Directors, Larry and myself.

Respectfully submitted,
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AQHA Director representing Manitoba
