

Hello,

I am Karin M. Troendle, and I am running for the Appaloosa Board of Directors for Territory II, Zone C. My decision to run for the Board stems from my admiration and respect for the versatile horse that is the Appaloosa.

I have been involved with the Appaloosa for over 25 years. My family and I have raised and shown Appaloosas since the 1980's. As a youth, I primarily showed in the over fences and games classes at the Appaloosa shows, and I also showed my Appaloosas in 4-H and in Hunter/Jumper shows.

Over the years, I concentrated on the Appaloosa shows. The horses that I have had led me over fences, to the games classes, halter, most colorful, and hunter in hand. Recently I have focused on working cow horse and reining classes in the ApHC and reining in NRHA. I have shown my own horses, and worked with trainers and am familiar with the client/trainer interactions.

Throughout the years, I have also been involved with the regional clubs in Colorado and Wyoming. I have been a member of Northern Front Range ApHC, Rocky Mountain ApHA, Big Wyoming ApHC, and Mountain and Plains ApHC. I am currently a Board Member for Mountain and Plains ApHC, and have been a past Vice-President. I have assisted with show management, including show manager, and am familiar with the challenges in membership and finances that the regional clubs face.

My undergraduate degree is a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wyoming. I graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1995 and passed the Colorado Bar in 1996. Since that time, I have worked as a staff attorney for a non-profit in Colorado. I assist low-income clients with civil legal issues. Through my work, I have learned a great deal about problem solving, conflict resolution, and focusing on the needs of my clients.

The challenges facing the nation and the horse industry also face the Appaloosa industry. The Appaloosa has the ability to compete at any level, as well as be a good trail or using horse, and we need to promote the versatility and talent of the breed. New membership and a revitalization of the existing members and breed supporters is necessary.

If elected, I would work with the membership to define their expectations and needs of the ApHC. The organization has been changing, but can become even more user friendly and the needs of the members need to be reviewed consistent with the by-laws and existing policies. We need a more efficient organization that can provide the services needed in a cost effective and productive manner.

If you have questions or issues you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me by phone at 970-222-9281 or by email at karintroendle@yahoo.com.