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## **JANUARY 2024**



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Doreen Atkinson, President

### Greetings to you WE friends,

I hope you are having a good start to 2024. It's pretty cold here in Texas (by Texas standards). I am still riding my horses through most of the super cold days. Since I became President, I have spent a lot of time working for you and USAWE. Fortunately, I am semi-retired and have the time to dedicate this year. USAWE is run entirely by volunteers, and we give our time because we care for WE in the USA. Most of our volunteers have a full-time real job and spend 10 to 40 hours a week working in their volunteer position for USAWE.

A list of Committees & Task Forces can be found on the website, each of which are our working groups that make up this organization such as Affiliate Organizations (local WE groups), Licensed Officials committee (recognizing, testing, and educating LOs), Rules committee (maintaining the rule book), Competition committee (licensing shows and more), Membership committee (welcoming new and renewing members), Awards committee (leaderboards, life-time rider medals and breed awards record keeping), Marketing and Promotion committee (newsletters, eBlasts and advertising), Professional

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(encouraging and growing the future riders). These are just some of the committees that have been working countless hours. I really appreciate the volunteers that I get to work with on the board, committees and task forces. It simply amazes me how intelligent, talented, knowledgeable, and happy to give their time and serve our USAWE volunteers are.

Leesa Nero, our Treasurer, has been working hard on creating and balancing a budget. Behind the scenes, corporate business and records are being updated almost daily. Please thank your board, committee and task force members for all the time they have put into USAWE.

Inside this issue... Be sure to cast your vote by Feb 5 for the USAWE Youth Design Contest!

As President, I am honored and proud to serve you. Contact me, your Regional or At-Large Director if you have any questions or concerns.

I hope to meet you down the road at the next WE event. Stay safe and warm.

Doreen Atkinson

President@usawe.org

# BE SURE TO READ THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT REPORT IN THIS ISSUE AND CAST YOUR VOTE BY FEB 5TH

### **EXPLORE MORE AT USAWE.ORG WITH THE LINKS BELOW!**







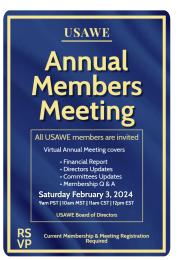
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#### **CORPORATE NEWS**

Amie Perryman, Secretary & Kris Blacklock, Clerical Assistant



### **PUBLIC NOTICE!**

**Annual Member Meeting** 

Mark your calendar! USA Working Equitation's 2024 annual meeting of the members will be held virtually via Zoom on Saturday February 3, 2024 at 9:00 am Pacific | 10:00 am Mountain | 11:00 am Central | 12:00 pm Eastern. The meeting day and time is predetermined and mandated by USAWE's Bylaws.

All current USAWE members in good standing are invited to attend. To attend, CLICK HERE to RSVP and receive the meeting information/ Zoom webinar link. Agenda is available on the usawe.org > Corporate > Records > Meeting Minutes > Annual **Member Minutes** 

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questions will help to guide our decisions and better understand the needs and concerns of our members. To ask a question, click this <u>link</u> and submit your question(s) by January 22<sup>nd</sup> so presenters have time to prepare a response. Thank you!

### What's New? **BOARD OF DIRECTOR MOTIONS**

Agendas and Minutes of all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings are posted on the usawe.org website > Corporate > Records > Meeting Minutes. Below are decisions since the BOD e-Votes December 16, 2023.

### Decisions by Board Meeting - January 10, 2024

- Approve the January and February expenses of \$20,000 as proposed in the Preliminary Budget presented at the January 10, 2024 BOD meeting.
- Authorize Treasurer (during term in office), online banking authority that includes mobile check deposits.
- Authorize Leesa A Nero, Treasurer (during term in office), online banking authority that includes mobile check deposits.
- Approve a Cancellation/Refund Policy for USAWE sponsored events (including but not limited to clinics, seminars, training camps, workshops, championships, etc.) that impact each committee's and overall organization budget. Create a USAWE licensed show recommended Cancellation/Refund Policy for the Competition Manual.
- Appoint Cera Olson (R6-MD) to fill the remaining term of Region 6 Director through November 30, 2024.
- Express appreciation and dissolve the Quality Assurance Task Force, effective immediately.
- Express appreciation and dissolve the Championship Show Structure Task Force, effective immediately.
- Appoint Kris Blacklock (R5-WI), Marcy Buffington, (R4-TX), Tracey Erway (R1-OR), Sara Mackenzie (R1-WA); Reaffirm Kristine Strasburger (R3-NE); and Remove Jeane Bond (R6-VA) and Leslie Martien (R3-CO) as members of the Bylaws Review Task Force, effective immediately.
- Appoint Tracey Erway (R1-OR) and Sara Barnwell (R5-MI); Reaffirm Doreen Atkinson (R4-TX), Leesa Nero (R7-FL) and Kristine Strasburger (R3-NE) as members of the Strategic Planning Task Force, effective immediately.
- Appoint Rose Watt (R6-PA); Reaffirm chair Sue Watkins (R2-CA); and members Nicole Chastain (R2-CA), Stephanie Hayes (R6-VT) and Michelle Lackey (R5-OH) and Seth Marshall (R4-OK) as members of the Professional Development committee, effective immediately.
- Appoint Mindy Finelli (R6-NJ) as documents administrator; Reaffirm chair Kim Hillyer (R6-PA); and Julie Alonzo (R1-OR), Mary Duffy (R2-CA) and Emily Elias (R1-OR) and Lisa Mathis (R6-PA) as members of the Competitions committee, effective immediately.



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scheduled the 2nd Wednesday of each month. All USAWE Members in good standing are welcome to attend as a silent participant.

\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\* Next BOD meeting is scheduled Wednesday February 21, 2024 5:00-6:30 pm Pacific time and will take place virtually via Zoom.

Please contact Secretary (<u>Secretary@usawe.org</u>) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting if you would like the Zoom meeting room access information. Requests for access arriving less than 24 hours prior to the meeting are not guaranteed a response.

BOD agendas and meeting minutes are posted to USAWE.org > Corporate > Records > Meeting Minutes in accordance to the Bylaws of USA Working Equitation. A Log of Motions Passed is posted to USAWE.org > Corporate > Records

#### **Agenda Topics**

Submit agenda items for board consideration using the online Google Form located on the usawe.org website > Corporate > Records > Board Agenda Item Request Form Individual Members are asked to contact their Regional or At-Large Director to request Agenda Item submission. The Board welcomes requests, proposals and recommendations submitted through Committee Chairs, Regional Directors and Officers, so we can best serve our members' and organization's needs.

### Check out the **USAWE** swag store!









### **CLICK HERE**

All proceeds go to help grow USAWE and wearing our swag helps get the conversations started! All new or renewing members for 2024 will receive a \$10 coupon/promo code to use on orders of \$100 or more!

Got a special request? Let us know! We'll be adding items as the demand grows!

Please give feedback and make special requests by sending an email to <a href="marketing@usawe.org">marketing@usawe.org</a>

### **USAWE** Members, Do You Know...

Sara Mackenzie, R1 Director

### 1. The best way to identify what's happening close to you?

USAWE recognizes 60 Affiliate Organizations (AO). The AO network is the grassroots of USAWE and is designed to help people locally develop greater connection with their equines and with each other. Find the AO closest to you by visiting: Affiliate Organizations | USA Working Equitation (usawe.org).

recognized shows in your area. The AOs are organized by region but depending on where you live, your closest AO might be across a state/region line.

Reach out to your local AO and find out how they communicate – many have Facebook pages where they post activities and build community!

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If there is not an AO near you, you might want to get a group of friends and start one in your neighborhood! If so, check out these resources: <u>Affiliate Organization Resources | USA Working Equitation (usawe.org).</u>

#### 2. How to find the USAWE Professional Instructor closest to you?

USAWE has a program in place to support the development of USAWE professional instructors. Instructors go through a rigorous program including taking tests on all the USAWE Rules! If you are looking for someone to help you learn WE, visit: <a href="Professional Instructors">Professional Instructors</a> | USA Working Equitation (usawe.org).

If none of the professional instructors are close enough for regular lessons, consider hosting a local event and bring someone to your area for a few days. Contact information is available on the Professional Instructors page. Many of the professional instructors regularly post educational materials on their social media pages so check them out and follow them!

3. How the National Leaderboard, Regional Leaderboard, National High Point Youth (7-17 years), National Breed Performance Champion and Lifetime Rider Medals Awards systems work?

USAWE has many awards to recognize the performance achievements of horses and riders in USAWE licensed competitions. The awards are designed to encourage horse and rider development and to honor the incredible partnerships that exist between horse and rider teams at all levels of WE. Awards also celebrate and honor the wide range of horse breeds that perform in working equitation.

If you are excited to set some personal award goals, and want to see how results are calculated and the options available to you, visit: <a href="Awards Programs">Awards Programs</a> | USA Working Equitation (usawe.org)! If you want to see how you and your friends, instructors, or others across the country did in 2023, be sure to check out the USAWE leaderboard at: Leader Boards | USA Working Equitation (usawe.org)

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Professional Development Committee Members

The Professional Development committee is excited to be moving into 2024 with planned initiatives to enhance the Professional Instructors Program, formerly known as the Coaches Network.

The Professional Development Committee's main purpose is to evaluate, educate, and recognize professionals in the sport of Working Equitation committing to create an active and organized recognition program for professional members of USAWE, who are members in good standing and reside in the USA.

The committee shall be responsible for developing and providing programs to promote and educate WE professionals of the highest quality while maintaining complete and accurate records of all relevant applications and continuing education documentation.

The first step to this goal was to create a committee name which is clear and concise in its purpose, yet in the future could expand to have many subgroups under that committee title. The name change chosen was Professional Development Committee. In addition, the BOD voted that the first subgroup name will be changed from Recognized Coaches Network to **Professional Instructors** (PI).

On January 10, 2024 the BOD unanimously voted in **Rose Watt** (R6) as a new committee member. Thank you Rose for your service. Rose will join Committee Chair **Sue Watkins** (R2), **Nicole Chastain** (R2), **Michelle Lackey** (R5), **Seth Marshall** (R4), and **Stephanie Hayes** (R6). (S) Judges *Polly Limond* (R7)

experiences with Working Equitation will benefit the organization and development of the programs.

The Professional Instructors program currently has twenty members from Regions 1,2,3,5,6,7. New applications are on hold until further notice. If you are a Professional Instructor (formerly Recognized Coach) please update your title to Professional Instructor in all of our marketing, social media, personal information, etc. To learn more about our highly qualified Professional Instructors visit the usawe.org website > Community > Professional Instructors

Feel free to reach out to the committee with any questions by contacting ProDev@usawe.org

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Kate Steffes, Membership Committee Chair

#### **Greetings Members!**

We have had a great start to the 2024 season! We've been really busy processing your membership requests since December 1, 2023 and, as you can see from the numbers below, we are doing really well. Here's to a banner year for USAWE!

Total 2024 Members as of 1/14/24: 581 (77 New, 504 Renewal)

Members by Region 2024

- Region 1 147 (12 ID, 23 MT, 59 OR, 51 WA)
- Region 2 128 (39 AZ, 82 CA, 6 NV, 1 UT)
- Region 3 43 (18 CO, 23 KS, 1 NE, 1 SD)
- Region 4 49 (3 AR, 1 LA, 1 NM, 5 OK, 39 TX)
- Region 5 62 (2 IA, 14 IL, 2 IN, 3 KY, 13 MI, 5 MN, 1 MO, 7 OH, 15 WI)
- Region 6 74 (2 DE, 4 MA, 10 MD, 2 ME, 2 NH, 2 NJ, 4 NY, 22 PA, 21 VA, 5 VT)
- Region 7 71 (4 FL, 4 GA, 1 MS, 32 NC, 18 SC, 12 TN)
- International 7 (6 Canada, 1 Germany)

Members by Competition Status 2024

- Amateur 378 (2 Youth)
- Open 164
- Youth 31
- Not Competing 8

#### COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Kim Hillyer, Competitions Committee Chair

### **Competitions Committee New Committee Members:**

The Competitions Committee would like to welcome **Lisa Mathes** (R6, PA), and **Mindy Finelli** (R6, NJ) to the Competitions Committee. We are excited to have their help and expertise.

#### **Competitions Manual:**

Latest revision of the Competitions Manual will soon be posted on the website. It is located on the usawe.org website > Competitions > Competition Resources. All show organizers must run their shows according to the Competitions Manual. There are some important revisions, so even if you are very familiar with the Competitions Manual, please be sure to read it again. If there are any questions, please reach out to the Competitions Committee @ competitions@usawe.org. Anyone considering running a USAWE licensed show, we strongly encourage you to read through the USAWE Competitions manual first and familiarize yourself with the requirements.

Reminder: Non-members are no longer permitted to compete in licensed shows. They may show
hors concours (schooling rides) only. They will receive scores from the judge, but will not be placed

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they need to contact the competitor and confirm that status. If they wish to compete for placings and leaderboard standings, then they need to become a member before the show.

#### Championships shows:

In 2025, the championship show structure will change. Zone championships will no longer be held after 2024. These shows will be replaced with Regional Championships or Multi-Regional Championships. The Multi-Regional Championships are to help those regions unable to host a Championship on their own. The Regional Championship requirements will be posted soon on the competitions resources page. Now is the time to start planning those Regional Championships for 2025. Bid proposals need to be submitted by May 31, 2024.

#### Reminder for show organizers of shows with conflicting dates:

For those show organizers planning shows and submitting a licensed show application, you can check the 'Website View of USAWE Licensed Shows list, and the USAWE Calendar for other shows already submitted/approved to see if there are any conflicting show dates. If the shows are in the same region, and are within 100 miles of each other, and on the same weekend, both show organizers will need to send in a written agreement that they are OK with both shows being held in order to be licensed. If an agreement can't be reached, the show with the earliest timestamp will be approved. There must be a minimum of 2 weeks (one intervening weekend) in between licensed competitions if they are located within 50 miles of one another.

Sincerely, Kim Hillyer Competitions Committee Chair

#### **WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Kristine Strasburger, Website Committee Chair

#### Greetings to all USAWE Members!

We are starting the new year with some fresh updates to the website and will be working on more over the next few weeks. Coming sometime this spring: a new Home Page design and a site index to help you quickly find what you're looking for.

Some of the changes of particular note that have already been made:

- Brand new About page. Check it out!
- <u>Simplified Membership/Renewal page.</u> Now it's easier to navigate the join/renewal process (this
  was done in January, so at least 400 of you who renewed in December didn't get to enjoy it this
  time...sorry about that.)
- <u>Simplified Horse Recording page.</u> Now it's easier to navigate the recording process, and a quick link at the top of the page takes you right to the list of recorded horses without scrolling down (helpful for Show Managers).
- New look for the Committees page. Expand each box to see the details.
- New Horse Ranking section on the Leader Boards page. If you haven't heard, we've got a new
  Horse Ranking list that shows annual points earned, organized by primary horse breed listed in the
  Recorded Horses datasheet. Unlike the horse/rider National and Regional Leaderboards (which
  use only the top four points earned each year), the Horse Ranking lists include cumulative points
  earned at all USAWE-licensed competitions in a given season.
- <u>Competition Resources page revamp.</u> This page is the go-to page for Show Management resources and Licensed Officials reports. You should now find this page easier to navigate.
- More resources for competitors on the Rules page. This is your page for the essentials you need
  to know as a competitor. Take a moment to fill out the Competitor Feedback Form while you're
  there.
- <u>Site-wide new page header layout with new pictures.</u> You'll notice there is a new unique page
  header for each of our top menu categories, and each page under that menu item uses the same
  header. We are planning on switching all of these header photos out at least annually. Take a look

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New button to submit your best WE photos and videos on the News page. We are hoping to have
lots of great photos and videos submitted through this new portal. Anyone can submit photos and
videos, not just USAWE members, and there's no limit to the number of photos and videos a
person can submit.

Click this link to go straight to the PHOTO submission form.

Click this link to go directly to the VIDEO submission form

Selected photos and videos will be featured on the USAWE website, used in USAWE marketing, and used by USAWE for educational purposes. *Photographer and videographer credit will be featured on the USAWE website, and whenever it is used in USAWE marketing and education. USAWE will link to your professional website and Social Media presence when using your photo or video if you provide those to us.* 

#### **IMPORTANT**

- You must own the rights to publish the photos/videos submitted.
- You grant USAWE the right to use photos/videos submitted for advertising, marketing, education, and on its website in exchange for credit when used.
- You grant USAWE the right to edit, crop, or alter the submitted photos/videos at their discretion.
- Photos/videos submitted must depict equines competing in Working Equitation in the United States or be of Working Equitation events or participants in the U.S. at the time of the photograph/video.
- File name of photos/videos submitted must include: first and last name of rider, date taken, and photographer/videographer credit.

Email <u>marketing@usawe.org</u> or <u>webadmin@usawe.com</u> if you have questions. Please pass the word and help us gather tons of great pictures and videos! We want the world to see what a great sport this is, and you can help us do that! Thanks!

### **AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Krsitine Strasburger, Affiliate Organizations Committee Chair

Greetings, all Affiliate Organization Leaders,

It's time for another AO Quarterly Networking Hour Meeting! Please join us!

We will be discussing upcoming changes and requirements for USAWE AOs, and answering questions related to that.

**Topic: AO Quarterly Networking Hour** 

Time: Jan 22, 2024

5:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

6:00 PM Mountain Time

7:00 PM Central Time

8:00 PM Eastern Time

Every 3 months on the Fourth Mon, 4 occurrence(s)

Jan 22, 2024 05:00 PM

Apr 22, 2024 05:00 PM

Jul 22, 2024 05:00 PM

Oct 28, 2024 05:00 PM

#### <u>Agenda</u>

Welcome & Introductions - (20 Minutes)

Topic Presentation - AO Entity Types & State Compliance Issues - Kristine Strasburger (15 minutes)

Questions, Answers & Group Discussion - (20 minutes)

AO Program Announcements - (5 minutes)

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Please consider volunteering and supporting the national organization as a member of the Affiliate Organizations committee. I'll be talking more about this at the upcoming AO meeting.

#### **AO Spring Projects**

It's time for the AO Spring Projects! This is a fast and furious resource development project that meets twice (once in February and once in March) to brainstorm ideas and produce resource content of particular interest to Affiliate Organizations. You can take a look at the resources the AO Spring Projects teams have produced so far on the usawe.org > Community > Affiliate Organization Resources page. This has been a fun and productive way to help others with particular areas of experience or expertise. Please consider being a part of this team! I'll be mentioning this and sending out a team-recruiting email after the upcoming AO meeting.

All AO Leaders were emailed a meeting invite with a link to join. Please email me at AffiliateOrganizations@usawe.org if you didn't receive it.

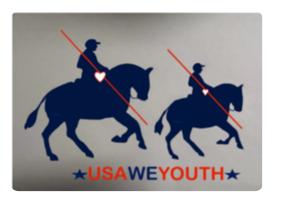
As always, feel free to share the meeting link with your entire leadership team. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Kasey Riddle, Youth Committee Chair

### **USAWE** Youth Design Contest





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### YOUTH DESIGN CONTEST - CAST YOUR VOTE BY FEB 5TH!

The Youth Development Committee, as well as those who contributed designs, have been working hard to narrow down our contest to bring FOUR deserving entries to the entire membership for a vote!

Please select the ONE design that you feel would be the best representation for our 2023 USAWE YOUTH CLUB COMMEMORATIVE item! <u>CLICK HERE</u> to **cast your vote by February**, **5**, **2024**.

Every youth member from 2023 will be receiving this commemorative item thanks to the support and investment from USAWE to our youth. We are hoping to have this contest yearly.

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USAWE is proud to officially announce that WE are a sponsor of the USPC Convention in Reno, Nevada January 24-28, 2024!

The USAWE board, with support from several committees, recognizes the significance of outreach to youth organizations. This year we hope to increase our youth membership as well as expand opportunities for our youth members.

If you are interested in the upcoming convention, here is some information on how you may attend.

You don't have to be a member of Pony Club to attend! We have weekend and day passes available. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for registration options. <u>Convention information</u> <u>Event Website</u>



Stay tuned for more upcoming opportunities and announcements as they develop. Please feel free to contact Kasey Riddle, Youth Development Chair at Youth@usawe.org

### **USAWE AT ART OF THE COWGIRL**

Robin Bond, At Large Director 1

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Arizona Working Equitation Club and Robin Bone Equine (California) team up to represent USAWE at The Art of the Cowgirl in Queen Creek Arizona January 17-21, 2024.

**Robin Bond**, USAWE Director at Large, and Junior International rider, Summer Star present two WE demonstrations, one on Friday the 19th, and one on Saturday the 29th. Robin is instructing a clinic, Refining Obstacle Performance, all day Thursday the 18th.

AZWEC member volunteers work the booth all 5 days, with AZ President, **Judy Mackenzie** coordinating.

Created by Tammy Pate, who we just lost to cancer, Art of the Cowgirl is an organization dedicated to promoting ranching and equine performance, while supporting women in equine and ranching fields with fellowships



**USAWE** members...Interactive learning COMING SOON!

### **REGION NEWS**

### **REGION 3**

Chris Stanko, Region 3 Director

Chris Stanko here saying Hello from Region 3 and this ARTIC FRONT that has laid its cover down

WE Kansas is having their Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet February 17th in Manhattan Kansas.

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WE Kansas has a lot happening in 2024. As regional director I will post monthly happenings. To look at Kansas's entire 2024 schedule go to Facebook (Working Equitation of Kansas).

Wyoming is up and coming in region 3. Last year they had some schooling shows. Now in 2024 they will have their 1st licensed show at the end of June. They will be offering clinics and schooling shows and hopefully more licensed shows in 2024 also.

Colorado's AO, HCWE is working on finalizing their 2024 schedule. It will consist of licensed shows, schooling shows, clinics and playdays. HCWE has a new board for 2024.

President - Brandi Baldwin

VP - Janie Brueckner

Secretary - Maureen Beavin

Media - Carmen Attiyeh

Director - Erin Gilbert

Director - Jameson Cahill

Director - Lisa Sroczynski

HCWE Board Adviser- Chris Stanko

Stay warm out there!

#### **REGION 5**

Sara Barnwell, Region 5 Director

Happy New Year, Region 5! I hope your year is getting off to a good start! I know many of us are working on our winter homework in preparation for another great season of showing. We have many shows, clinics, and other events being planned in Region 5. Please check the calendar at usawe.org and follow us on Facebook (USA Working Equitation – Region 5) for event information.

I hope you can all join us for the annual members meeting on February 3rd! Additional information was sent to all current members through email. You do need to RSVP (Click Here).

Thanks to everyone who has reached out to connect! I enjoy hearing from you, getting to know you better, learning about your experiences and determining how I can support your journey with this wonderful sport. Please continue to contact me with questions, feedback or to chat!

R5director@usawe.org or message me on Facebook

### **REGION 6**

Cera Olson, Region 6 Director

Thank you for welcoming me in as the Region 6 Director! I can't wait for all the awesome opportunities we have coming up around our Region! I want to start the year by getting a feel for where we are as a Region. I will be meeting with the AOs on 1 February at 7:30pm on Zoom.

begin to develop a plan to work towards those goals. With that in mind, please pass any comments, questions, or concerns up to your AOs, to myself, or attend on 1 Feb and join in the discussion. I look forward to hearing from you and building toward your goals!

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### **New England Working Equitation**

Not a lot of live WE activity in New England right now with our snow and cold winter but that doesn't stop us from learning! NEWE is holding the 5th annual Virtual Working Equitation Schooling Series. The focus is on education of the dressage and EOH trials, not competition, although you will be judged and receive your score sheets along with details of how to raise your scores, training tips and exercises. Click here for more info <a href="https://www.newenglandwe.com/virtual-schooling-series">https://www.newenglandwe.com/virtual-schooling-series</a>

NEWE membership is open for 2024 and we hope you'll join us for another fantastic year. <a href="https://www.newenglandwe.com/membership">https://www.newenglandwe.com/membership</a>

In person winter clinics are being held monthly at Equanimity Farm in Brookfield, NH and Durham Equestrian Center in Durham, CT. Check out the calendar of events at <a href="https://www.newenglandwe.com/calendar">https://www.newenglandwe.com/calendar</a>

Our first USAWE Licensed show will be June 8th at Equanimity Farm followed by a clinic June 9th with Judge Andre Ganc. Registration is now open for the clinic. We're exciting to be hosting Andre as this is a rare treat to have him on the east coast! <a href="https://www.newenglandwe.com/calendar">https://www.newenglandwe.com/calendar</a> <a href="https://www.andreganc.com">https://www.andreganc.com</a>

#### **REGION 7**

Pat Melton, Region 7 Director

Happy New Year all! I've been "on the job" as your Regional Director for about a month and want to extend my humble appreciation for your support. I am excited to have already made new friends in our region in such a short time. I am here to help you with planned events, discuss forming your own Affiliate Organization, or simply try to address questions you may have. You can reach me via my email at <a href="mailto:R7Director@usawe.org">R7Director@usawe.org</a>.

The calendar of WE events happening in Region 7 is filling up, with more being planned. I hope to see you at an event soon:

January 12: Fix-A-Test w/Polly Limond - Mill Spring, NC

January 13: Obstacles Play Day - Bulls Gap, TN

January 13: Swamp Fox WE Clinic w/Sandra Law - Andrews, SC

January 20: Swamp Fox WE Obstacles Play Day - Andrews, SC

January 27: Cattle Clinic - Bulls Gap, TN

February 2: WESC Lessons & Ride-A-Test w/Meghan Truppner - Aiken, SC

February 3: SEWE Playday - Warrenville, SC

February 10: Obstacles Play Day - Bulls Gap, TN

February 13-14: WE Clinic with Rolf Janzen - Tryon, NC

February 16-17: WE Clinic with Rolf Janzen - Snow Camp, NC

February 23: WENC Cattle Clinic w/Robbie Potter - Taylorsville, NC

February 24: Cattle Clinic - Bulls Gap, TN

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March 30-31: WE Clinic w/Alberto Conde – Spiegel Farms, Campobello, SC

April 6-7: Foothills Riding Club Clinic & Schooling Show w/Polly Limond - FENCE, Tryon, NC

April 26-28: Stone Creek Equestrian Center Clinic & Schooling Show w/Jody Fontanetta,

Morganton, NC

May 18-19: Three Bulls Classic licensed show, judge Polly Limond - Bulls Gap, TN

June 8-9: WENC Summer Solstice licensed show, judge Rebecca Algar - FENCE, Tryon, NC

October 3-6: USAWE Eastern Zone Championship - Bulls Gap, TN













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