

I decided to run for the region 9 director position because I have a genuine interest in helping our wonderful Missouri Fox Trotting horse achieve its full potential. As a little personal background, I grew up around Quarter Horses and learned to ride at a young age. When I retired a few years ago, I really wanted to get into trail riding and heard about the MFT and the smooth gait it had. After riding one, I was hooked on gaited and have been enjoying riding around the Midwestern states.

Since the BOD of the MFTHBA is responsible to the members for the successful management and promotion of the organization, I feel that it is essential that Board Members have good business and managerial skills. I owned and operated a successful electronics business for 17 years. During that time I was involved with marketing & promotion, finance, contract negotiation and personnel management, to name a few. Those same skills served me well as mayor of Cherokee Village, Arkansas as well, and feel they would be an asset to the MFTHBA.

While I have not been involved with the breed for a long time, I am passionate about it. One of the most important things about an organization such as the MFTHBA is for the governing body to always do what is best for the members, the horse and the organization as a whole. Some of the ways to accomplish this is to always be fair and open to the members, insure everyone is treated equally with no favoritism and always remember we are responsible for the image the public has of our breed, whether in the front ring, the versatility or out on the trail.

My wife Susan and I are retired, live in Pocahontas Arkansas and are only 2.5 hours from Ava, so attending meetings is not a problem. If you have any questions or suggestions, I would love to hear from you. You can reach me on the MFTHBA Region 9 Facebook page or my phone 870-847-1638. I would be honored to serve you as Region 9 director and ask for your vote this fall.