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Hello members of the MFTHBA. My name is Jeff Shields and I am running for the office of Secretary / Treasurer of our Board of Directors. My wife, Maxcy, and I purchased our first two Missouri Fox Trotters in 2005 after deciding to take up trail riding. Our two grown sons had left the nest and we needed something to keep us busy. It did not take long for us to become interested in participating in the show circuit. With the encouragement of our friends, Harry and Carolyn Wright, we jumped in the show ring the next year. Our appreciation for the breed has continued to grow ever since.



My decision to run for Secretary / Treasurer came from a desire to contribute in a positive way to the MFTHBA. I have been a banker for over 30 years and that back-ground provides me with the knowledge and experience needed to serve you in that position. I recognize that we face several challenges as we work to grow the popularity of our breed and keep our association viable. My focus on the board will be to make communication with the membership as good as it can be and promote a sense of shared responsibility in solving those challenges. I believe if we always put the best interest of the MFTHBA first in our approach we can achieve success.

The Missouri Fox Trotting Horse is truly the best pleasure and trail horse in the world. It is our job as members, with the help of the MFTHBA, to promote our breed with enthusiasm and vigor. I hope to contribute to that process as your Secretary / Treasurer. I would appreciate your vote and look forward to serving you, the members, of the MFTHBA.