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Objective

My objective is to represent the American Kiko Goat Association and its members in a manner that will maintain the purity and promote the interests of the Kiko goat breed.

Background

I grew up on a 180 acre farm on which my father raised a small herd of cattle. I love farm life. I have raised goats for about five years. My husband and I have raised registered and commercial Kikos since 2014. We have recently expanded our farm and our herd. When we began, I researched information, attended as many seminars and classes as possible, and looked to others with experience for information. We have made mistakes and learned from them, and are now growing our herd based on performance-based criteria that is important to us. I still attend seminars and classes because there is always something to be learned.

My goal is for our farm to raise productive, performance-based Kiko goats. I utilize GoatTrax and the Goat Herd Improvement Program through KY State University to determine our top performing goats based on criteria we have determined is important to us. Our top performing goats are retained or sold as breeding stock, while the rest are culled and sold at market.

As a teacher and farmer, I believe that the future of agriculture, including raising goats, is very important and must be shared with future generations. Our youth must be exposed to all aspects of farming. I believe that being part of the AKGA Board of Directors enables me to help contribute to the goal of promoting the Kiko breed and helps to get our youth interested as well.

Credentials

AKGA Member	2014-present
Member of AKGA Budget Committee	2016
Chair of AKGA Scholarship Committee	2016-present
AKGA Registrar	2/2017-present



Experience

Kiko Breeder, Blessed Acres Farm, Crofton, KY 2014-present
Grant Writing 2015-present
Served on Site Based Decision Making Committee (quorum) 2010-2015

Education

Bachelors: Education, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN 2006
Masters: Administrative Education, University of the Cumberland, Williamsburg, KY 2011
Masters: Special Education, Murray State University, Murray, KY 2015

Affiliations

KY Proud Member 2015-present
KY Goat Producers Association Member 2014-present
Southern States Cooperative Member 2015-present

2017 Nominee Questionnaire

The AKGA Board of Directors feel that the membership would benefit from knowing your qualifications as a board member. In addition to your resume, please complete and return to Angie Loos AKGA Secretary at secretaryakga@gmail.com by March 15th. .

1. Why are you interested in committing your time and energy to the Association?

Because I believe in integrity. I believe in raising the best kiko goats that I can and only selling the best. I believe in improving the kiko breed and helping other breeders learn and improve the breed as well. I enjoy working with other likeminded individuals with common goals.

2. What do you think are the characteristics of a great board member?

A great board member is one that is passionate about the association and what it represents. A great board member must have integrity, be honest and trustworthy, put others first, represent the interests of all members of the association, be active in the association, knowledgeable about the kiko breed, and easy to communicate with.

3. Do you feel as a board of director you should be held to a higher standard of conduct?
Yes, I believe that as a board of director I should be help to a higher standard of conduct. People, members and nonmembers, look at board members as a representative of the association. How I behave, treat others, and conduct business can and will reflect on the association.

4. Describe your past experiences as a volunteer or any experience with a nonprofit board. Since joining the AKGA in 2014, I have become a very active member. In 2016, I was elected as an alternate board of director. I also served on the budget committee and am currently the chair of the AKGA Scholarship Committee. In February 2017, I became the AKGA Registrar.

5. Are you willing to accept the responsibilities of an officer? If so, which office/s?
I am not sure if I am willing to accept the responsibility of an officer as I am currently serving as the AKGA Registrar in addition to teaching elementary school full-time and farming.

6. List 3 top goals that should be considered for the AKGA to accomplish during the next 2 years. Ensure the goals you list are measurable and attainable.
The top three goals that should be considered for the AKGA to accomplish during the next two years are:

1. Increase membership
2. Improve the budget
3. Increase number of goats registered

7. Please list any computer software programs you have experience with (Word, Excel, Access, Quick Books, etc.).
I have experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Google docs, Dropbox and more.

8. Describe the type of any experience in the following: accounting, tax preparation, legal matters, government regulations, or any other career experience that would be useful to the Association.
I have experience in grant writing.

9. If not elected to the Board, would you contribute to the Association by joining a Committee?
I am already a member of current committees and am willing to join others.