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Dear NRHA Professionals,

As you know the nominations for the 2009 Regional Directors is underway. It is vital that suitable candidates are nominated and elected in order to best serve the NRHA. Candidates should not only have a working knowledge of the NRHA and equine industry, but they should also be capable and willing to participate at the level required of an NRHA Director. The Board of Directors meets 5 times during the year for meetings, including at the NRHA Convention. Additionally, the Board meets via conference call whenever time sensitive issues arise that require the vote of the Full Board. The time commitment and travel costs associated with these responsibilities are significant and require a willingness and devotion to the NRHA that will at times conflict with a person's life outside of the NRHA.

Furthermore, a member of the Board of Directors is expected to be well informed of all the current issues facing the Association and should be able to communicate with members, staff and other Board members effectively and diplomatically. We cannot stress enough the importance of electing competent people who are willing and able to devote the time and energy required of this position while contributing their knowledge and expertise to Board discussions.

The NRHA Professionals should consider this and provide input to their affiliates in order to give direction and guidance as they submit their nominations to the NRHA office. If necessary, write in candidates should be submitted in order to ensure quality nominations are available for the elections. The process and deadlines for the Regional Nominations is available on the website www.nrha.com under the members only section.

The NRHA Professionals Committee will be available to assist with the nomination process and would like to see increased participation and leadership from the members of the NRHA Professionals leading up to this election. Please be aware of who is being nominated in your regions and contribute your advice on future nominations.

Sincerely,

Tom McCutcheon
Chair - NRHA Professionals Committee