

First	Last	Desig.	City	State	Status	Governance Exp.	Current Committee Member	2023 Attendance
Will	Mitchell	Jumper	Houston	TX	Amateur	X	N	
Andrea	Stewart	Jumper	Carrollton	TX	Amateur	X	Y	67%
Sandra	Tabio	Jumper	Bixby	OK	Amateur	X	Y	100%

### USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Will Mitchell

City & State: Houston Tx

USHJA Number: HJ6061749

Zone: 7

Professional/Amateur Status:  Professional  Amateur

Primary Designation (select one):  Hunter  Jumper

How are you currently involved in the sport? Please list your equestrian experience.

Manager and Offical

Do you have prior governance experience on a Board, committee, or task force? If so, please list.

n/a

Do you have non-equestrian business experience? If so, please list.

Yes Operations Manger

What is the biggest challenge the sport is facing in your opinion?

Too many rules that and guidelines that contradict and confuse all involved

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I hope to bring a different and unique prospective to the group

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

The confidence it builds for our younger exhibitors

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67.1

USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Andrea Stewart

City:  
USHJA Number: 5481176

Zone: 1

Professional/Amateur Status:  Professional  Amateur

Primary Designation (select one):  Hunter  Jumper

How are you currently involved in the sport? Please list your equestrian experience.

I help run in-gates at many shows in Texas, and have experience working in FL, NY, NJ, PA, NC & KY. I am also a small r course designer for hunter & jumper. Avid competitor through

Do you have prior governance experience on a Board, committee, or task force? If so, please list.

Yes; USHJA zone vice chair 2022 to current, 2017-2020 North Texas Hunter Jumper Club President, 2009-2021 NTHJC Board Member

Do you have non-equestrian business experience? If so, please list.

Yes; real estate 2006-2019

What is the biggest challenge the sport is facing in your opinion?

An equal playing field.

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I hope to help bring an amateur voice to the zone committee as well as help ~~making~~ the gap between USHJA & local shows.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

The comraderie and the horse.

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### USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Sandra Tabio

City & State: Bixby, Oklahoma

USHJA Number: 4681265

Zone: 7

Professional/Amateur Status:  Professional  Amateur

Primary Designation (select one):  Hunter  Jumper

How are you currently involved in the sport? Please list your equestrian experience.

I became involved with H/J in 1995 at a local barn, KJM Equestrian, where my 2 daughters and myself began lessons. We leased and soon purchased our own horses, and purchased a show barn and property, and purchased more horses. We bred our American Hanoverian Elite Mare and those youngsters have shown in Hunters and Dressage and are in training for Jumpers.

Do you have prior governance experience on a Board, committee, or task force? If so, please list.

I have been a Board Member of OHJA, Oklahoma H/J Association, since 2011 when I was elected Treasurer, a position I held until 2016 when I was elected President and in which I continue to serve. In 2018, I was nominated as a member to USHJA Zone 7 Committee, and continue to serve this committee.

Do you have non-equestrian business experience? If so, please list.

I was a professional administrative assistant for 30+ years in banking and the radio industry. I have a background of parliamentary procedure and have taught workshops and clinics. I am, and have been since 1990, a Partner and Secretary of Creative Resources Group, a strategy and marketing business.

What is the biggest challenge the sport is facing in your opinion?

Cost. For the rider, even a single A-rated show can cost hundreds. This does not include the lease or owning, care and equipment costs of horses, board and care, lessons, tack and equipment, show clothes and more. This is well above the limit the average person can often reasonably manage. Show Managers often lose money when putting on rated shows because they have to pay for the venue, the staff, stewards, judges, hotels, insurance, etc., etc. We need to figure out a way to make rated shows less costly for everyone.

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I hope to draw from my personal knowledge and experience, and from the knowledge and experience of fellow committee members, to make informed, strategic decisions that support USHJA and it's continued success as a vital association that promotes the equestrian industry.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

The horses, they are first for me. And the equestrians. The vast majority of the people I've met through the years and interacted with are very, very good humans. We share a bond, caring for and appreciating our equine partners.