


First	Last	Desig.	City	State	Status	Governance Exp.	Current Committee Member	2023 Attendance
Sybil	Greene	H	Lincoln	NE	Pro	x	Y	89.00%
Betsy	Kieffer	H	Maple Grove	MN	Am	x	Y	89%
Ashley	Mason	H	Oakland	Iowa	Pro	x	N	N/A
Patrice	Urban	H	Elkhorn	NE	Am	x	Y	89%
Janine	Weatherby	H	Bellevue	NE	Pro	x	Y	89%


 UNITED STATES
 HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Sybil Greene

City & State: Lincoln, NE

USHJA Number: 209728

Zone: 6

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'm a trainer in the State of Nebraska (zone 6). I have participated on multiple boards in our region. I have volunteered in the past in helping run large shows such as World Cup 2017 in Omaha.

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

Yes, I am currently a member of the zone 6 board. I also participate on the USEF Pony Task Force. I have been a board member of the INHJA.

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

Yes, I have run my own training business for over 20 years. and I also work a full-time government job.

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

Inclusion!!! I think we have very little cooperation or support for each other. Especially in a smaller zone like zone 6. We need to support each other more and find a way to include ^{more people in the sport.}

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I believe zone 6 needs individuals like myself who are not part of the mainstream group that has run the zone over the years. Volunteerism can be a thankless job so I am thankful for those individuals but I think the zone could benefit from people with new voices and ideas. I hope to be that person.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

The animals!!! I also enjoy the joy it gives others when they reach their goals.



USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: ELizabeth T. Kieffer (Betsy)

City & State: Maple Grove, MN

USHJA Number: 30598

Zone: 6

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 have shown hunters for over 50 years. I currently have a 17 y.o. that I bought when he was three. He is only my seventh horse since I was 16. I tend to buy them young, do the work myself, show them for a long time, and then happily retire them. Back in the day, I did show my amateur owner in the regular working, but pretty much I've always shown in amateur owner, adult, amateur or low amateur. (Thank you USHJA.) My horses have been many times champions, HighPoint Hunters, and HOTY award winners. My current horse was diagnosed with EPM mid summer of 2022, so he was off for awhile. We did one show last year, and he was champion. Not sure what my plans are going forward, as I now have a two year old granddaughter who lives in Sweden. However, I hope to show a little in 2024 and will be involved with Zone 6 activities such as the Powers Class, and the Handy Hunter Challenges. I also have show secretary experience and usually do two or three shows a year.

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

I have served on the Board of the Minnesota Hunter and Jumper Association for over 38 years and been President for my allotted three year terms. Since the founding of the USHJA, I have served in some position. I first served on the Special Projects committee, then the Affiliates (both of which were disbanded) and have now served as a member on the Zone 6 Committee for about eight or ten years. As a Zone 6 member the Powers Horsemanship Class was my brainchild, and I was the push behind the Handy Hunter Challenges. Those Challenges are probably the best P.R. that USHJA has in Zone 6. I was also the person who thought up the format that has become (with modifications) the USHJA Hunter Team Challenge.

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

Over 40 years of retail and customer service experience. Also experience in the non-show management side of running the largest National rated show in Minnesota. I was responsible for sponsorship, getting the program printed, running the non-horse show office during the show and all the financial aspects of that part of the show.

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

The increasing cost and bureaucracy of the rated circuits. Because of that, the split between the rated shows and the increase in the popularity of the smaller unrated show circuits continues to grow. People simply see no reason to move to the rated shows anymore. They see no reason to be a member of a National organization. We can hardly get them to become members of their local association!

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I hope to continue what I'm doing now. I make most of the zone calls. I haven't missed an annual meeting yet. I work really hard thinking of new ways to promote the Zone 6 activities. I'm usually the one who puts into the correct language any changes to our Zone specs. Basically continuing to be a worker.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

Aside from the fact I love horses and I love riding? The comradery. The adults in Zone 6 are really fun, and I have been friends with some of them since my days riding as a junior. It also scratches my competitive itch like swimming used to. Winning was great, but could I make a new personal best time in the 50 Freestyle? A blue ribbon would be nice, but can I get my green bean over all eight fences with his leads changes? I just love it.

USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Ashley Mason

City & State: Oakland, Iowa

USHJA Number: 5179067

Zone: 6

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 own and operate a training business here in Omaha, NE. I specialize in juniors and ponies. We compete in both Outreach and USHJA hunters. My program is newer to the area and I am building a quality group of young riders. I also have a small welsh breeding program and compete in Hunter Breeding. Prior to living in the Midwest I trained in Zone 10 and had a successful pony program

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

I am currently on the Iowa Nebraska Hunter Jumper Association board and have previously served as Secretary for the California Welsh Pony and Cob Association.

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

I operate a consignment tack store here in Omaha and have previous offered freelance marketing services for other horse businesses.

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

Extinction. This is a two part answer. #1 This sport is loosing more riders than it gains each year. As someone who operates a high level riding academy we need to create more opportunities for new riders/ showmen to break into showing. #2 Social license to operate. We need to educate the public and those looking to enter the sport.

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I have vast experience showing in a large zone at both A rated and breed shows. I hope to bring my experience to Zone 6 and help create new programs and opportunities that help broaden our area and develop the future of this industry.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

In California it was the team work and working together. Here in the Midwest it is watching young riders and horses learn, grow and develop in a positive and inclusive manner!



USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Patrice Urban

City & State: Elkhorn, NE

USHJA Number: 165345

Zone: 6

Professional/Amateur Status: Professional Amateur

Primary Designation (select one): Hunter Jumper

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

My husband and I own the Quail Run Horse Center Inc since 1982. I am also a competing hunter rider. I am a secretary for Urban Equine Events, Mid States Horse Shows and International Omaha. I was the award presenter and event ambassador for the 2017 and 2023 World Cup which was held in Omaha.

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

Past board member for the North Hills Hunt in Nebraska.
Past board member for the Iowa Nebraska Hunter Jumper Assoc. (INHJA)

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

I have a bachelor of science of Nursing from Creighton University and have worked in the hospital setting as well as in a Dr. office.

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

Cost for the exhibitor. Also that the smaller shows cannot keep up with all of the costs which are being added by the USEF for approved shows.

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I hope to get our trainers more involved by helping to educate our exhibitors.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

Working with people that share the passion for the sport.



USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Janine Weatherby

City & State: Bellevue, NE

USHJA Number: 127388

Zone: 6

Professional/Amateur Status: Professional Amateur

Primary Designation (select one): Hunter Jumper

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

Currently (and have for over 45 years) participate in all aspects of horses. Ride, show, teach, train, 'r' hunter cd card, and run horse shows

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

serving currently on the USHJA zone 6 BOD and have served numerous times through out the past 30 years on the BOD of Iowa Nebraska Hunter Jumper Association

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

Run and COO 3 corporations in women's health care

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

cost and participation

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

being an extra eye and ear 'for the smaller person or entity' trying to make it in this sport

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

the horses and competition