

First	Last	Desig.	City	State	Status	Governance Exp.	Current Committee Member	2023 Attendance
Kat	Demas Mulkey	Hunter	Talking Rock	GA	Professional	X	Y	100%
Nancy	Hooker	Hunter	Wellington	FL	Amateur	X	N	
Kristen	McDermott	Hunter	Daniel Island	SC	Amateur	X	N	
David	Pellegrini	Hunter	Eads	TN	Professional	X	Y	80%
Leslie	Terry	Hunter	Naples	FL	Professional	X	N	

### USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Kat DeMas Mulkey

City & State: Talking Rock, Georgia

USHJA Number: 160040

Zone: 4

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 am currently a USEF 'R' judge in Hunters/ Equitation/ Hunter Breeding/ Jumpers, and I judge regularly across the country. I was the owner, manager, and trainer at Four Seasons Farm, a large and successful training business, in Madison, GA from 2000-2021. I have been a professional trainer for 30 years, and I routinely teach clinics for many different trainers. I coached Zone winning and nationally ranked IHSA and IEA teams. I am also an ASEA Senior Certified Equine Appraiser since 1995.

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

Since selling Four Seasons Farm, I shifted my career and passion to judging, teaching clinics, and volunteer governance work in the industry. I currently serve on:  
Vice Chair USHJA Zone 4 Committee, Vice Chair Zone Council, Vice Chair Children's/ Adult Hunter Task Force, Emerging Athletes Committee, National and Regional Affiliate Councils, Georgia Hunter Jumper Association Board of Directors

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

Everything I have done is equestrian related.

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

Growth of membership and public relations

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I would love to continue my work with Zone 4 by continuing to help support and promote programs and opportunities in our Zone.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

My favorite thing about the equestrian sport is the connection to the animal, and the numerous ways I see horses teach both juniors and adults so many valuable life lessons.



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USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Nancy Grant Hooker

City & State: Wellington FL

USHJA Number: 016270

Zone: 4

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 been a hunter/jumper rider and owner for more than 50 years! Various HOBY that go back to 1970's. Extended family members owners, riders/managers.

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

Hanley foundation, Equestrian Aid foundation, Danny & Ron's Rescue, Caridad Center

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

manager of various Real Estate development projects, especially self-storage.

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

The expense of running quality events versus pricing out "up and coming" exhibitors.

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I hope to have meaningful discussions about the future of our sport. I think Zone 4 is one of most important zones!

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

I love my horses! The thrill of a good ride outweighs the color of the ribbons.

### USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form

Name: Kristen McDermott

City & State: Daniel Island, South Carolina

USHJA Number: 152013

Zone: 4

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 owned a Hanoverian/Thoroughbred gelding named Darius for the past 11 years. I show him in the Adult Amateurs both locally at C shows and at AA shows. I have been riding hunters since I was 5 years old. I am now 50. I rode and showed with the IHSA equestrian team in college.

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

I am a retired first grade teacher. I served and headed many committees throughout my 28 year career. I am a member of our local circuits-SCHJA and PSJ. I have volunteered to work with the SCHJA board this year to try to encourage more Amateurs to participate in the local shows.

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

Yes-I was a public school first grade teacher for 28 years. Retired May 2023.

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

The biggest challenge is filling the upper level classes such as the High Performance Hunters and the Green Confirmation divisions, The sport has gotten so expensive that what used to be normal for an amateur to have her steady eddie to ride and show plus purchase a lovely greenie for her trainer to show then eventually be her next ride when the steady eddie retires isn't happening as often as it used to.

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

I want to support and learn more about the USHJA. As a retired teacher, I have lots of experience with teamwork when working with adults both teachers and parents of my first graders. I have worked with my fellow teachers over the years to fundraise for field trips, so I feel that I could help with ideas to do that within my committee. I have also been riding in the Charleston, South Carolina area for over 33 years, so I have a lot of local connections to individuals who support the USHJA.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

My favorite thing about the sport is the beauty of a terrific hunter round where it just takes your breath away. Hunter Derbies are my favorite thing to participate in and my goal this year is to do some National Derbies.

2023 Committee  
Attendance:  
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**USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form**

Name: David Pellegrini

City & State: Eads, TN

USHJA Number: 119562

Zone: 4

Professional/Amateur Status:  Professional  Amateur

Primary Designation (select one):  Hunter  Jumper

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

As a professional since 1987

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

Zone 4 & jr htr committees

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

Sales rep & stock broker

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

Equality

How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

Level out playing field by continuing to monitor point distribution & promoting equal opportunities to all.

What is your favorite thing about the sport?

Good healthy competition

**USHJA Zone Nominee Biography Form**

Name: Leslie Terry

City & State: Naples FL

USHJA Number: H4014045

Zone: 4

Professional/Amateur Status:  Professional  Amateur

Primary Designation (select one):  Hunter  Jumper - we have jumpers too

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

SHOWING "A" rated shows since 1971 Instructor since 1986 Managed H/J facilities 24-48 horses Current program 65 students ages 4-70+ Credentialed Instructor - participated in Oct soft launch 2022	USHJA RRA Committee member former USHJA Rider Advocacy/Welfare Committee member Host local schooling shows
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Do you have prior governance experience on a Board, committee, or task force? If so, please list.

USHJA RRA COMMITTEE MEMBER - CURRENT USHJA RIDER ADVOCACY/HORSE WELFARE 4 years SWFHJA CURRENT HISTORIAN PAST SWFHJA PRESIDENT (10yrs) vice president (2) years COMC BOARD MEMBER - LOCAL NONPROFIT	LIFE MEMBER OF SWFHJA CFHJA SFHJA
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Do you have non-equestrian business experience? If so, please list.

GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP TEAM (FUNDRAISING + APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES) BOARD MEMBER OF GRACE PLACE FOR FAMILIES / CHILDREN 4 years AUTHOR + CURRICULUM WRITING
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What is the biggest challenge the sport is facing in your opinion?

RISING COSTS ON ALL LEVELS GROWTH OF MEMBERSHIP AND DIVERSITY IN PARTICIPANTS HORSE WELFARE
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How do you hope to contribute on the Zone Committee?

BE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE IN OUR ZONE PROMOTE PROGRAMS + EDUCATE MEMBERS/PARENTS ON WAYS TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN USHJA AND ZONE ACTIVITIES HELP IN ANY WAY NEEDED TO PROMOTE OUR SPORT / ZONE
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What is your favorite thing about the sport?

HORSEMANSHIP, FAIR COMPETITION, GRASS ROOTS, HISTORY OF SPORT LOVE OF THE TRADITIONS YET WAYS TO MAKE THEM NEW + EXCITING
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