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Nominated as WESTERN BREEDER DIRECTOR

I was initially a breeder director for Alberta in the late 1980's for the Canadian Standardbred Horse Society. I was president of this organization for 5 years. During that time the CSHS with the CTA acquired land and built the present office building we are now at. After 10 years of being at the new location, I was part of the committee that did the foot work for the amalgamation of the CSHS with the CTA to become Standardbred Canada. I continued being the breeder director for Standardbred Canada until 2004. We negotiated with the Maritime Provinces to become part of Standardbred Canada. Before that they were part of the USTA. Now Standardbred Canada was represented by all the Canadian regions.

In 2007, I ran as an active director. In the last three years I have been involved in:

1. The audit committee - advising the board on its effectiveness and integrity of its financial management, its compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements, and the independence and performance of the external auditors.
2. The governance committee - dealing with board culture, conduct, and communication.
3. The strategic planning committee - developing new strategies that more truly represent today's political, business, and economic environment.
4. The taxation committee - working to eliminate Section 31 of the Income Tax Act or to increase the amounts deductible on horse investments for part-time farmers to stimulate investment in our industry.

I have been involved in the national Standardbred organization for years in assisting in shaping it direction and responsibility to members. Our industry today is facing many challenges, such as decreasing membership, decreasing mares bred, loss of race dates and declining wagering. The development of strategies in response to these challenges is very necessary. I have been involved in this process and want to continue to provide efforts to affect change in a positive way for our industry.