

Please fill out and return this Proxy form **WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND** the 2009 Annual Meeting. **YOU ARE URGED TO SIGN AND RETURN THIS PROXY, OR SUBMIT YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY ON THE USEA WEBSITE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT A QUORUM IS ASSURED.** It is essential that all members participate in the future course of the United States Eventing Association and that your views and concerns are represented by attending the Annual Meeting or through voting by Proxy. Your vote is **VERY** important. Giving this Proxy does not affect your right to revoke it at any time prior to when it is exercised or to vote in person should you decide to attend the meeting. Only those Members (all categories of members) who have renewed their memberships for 2010 are eligible to vote. Please renew your membership now. **IN ORDER FOR YOUR PROXY TO BE ACCEPTED AND COUNTED IT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL OR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION, TOGETHER WITH YOUR 2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 20, 2009.**



## United States Eventing Association, Inc. **Notice of Annual Meeting of Members**

In accordance with the By-laws, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Members of the United States Eventing Association, Inc. ("Annual Meeting") will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Reston, Reston Town Center, Virginia, Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 1:00 pm.**, at which time such business will be transacted as may be properly brought before the Annual Meeting. The following matters will be presented to the Members for their action and vote:

**(a) Election of Governors, as proposed by the Nominating Committee, for the specified terms as follows:**

Area I	Carol Kozlowski*	(2010-2012)	At-large	Jane Beshear*	(2010)	At-large	DC McBroom*	(2010)
Area II	Allison Springer	(2010)	At-large	Dorothy Crowell*	(2010)	At-large	Diane Pitts*	(2010)
Area III	Jonathan Holling*	(2010-2012)	At-large	Cindy De Porter*	(2010)	At-large	Mary Schwentker	(2010)
Area IV	Cathy Jones Forsberg	(2010-2012)	At-large	Matt Fine*	(2010)	At-large	Robert Kellerhouse	(2010)
At-large	Kevin Baumgardner*	(2010)	At-large	Louise Leslie	(2010)	At-large	JJ Johnson	(2010)

\*Governor currently serving on the Board and re-nominated for further term.

**(b) Changes to the By-Laws of the USEA, as proposed by the Board of Governors**

By-law changes (as shown in Exhibit A) shall go into effect January 1, 2011, with the sole exception of the change to Article V, Paragraph (4)(b) regarding length of presidential term, which change shall go into effect on January 1, 2010 with respect to the presidential elections occurring after that date.

**(c) At present the Board of Governors knows of no other matters for presentation to the Members.**

### Proxy

This Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Governors.

The undersigned, a member ("Member") in good standing of the United States Eventing Association, Inc. ("USEA"), hereby appoints (check one box)

- a) Kevin Baumgardner (President of the United States Eventing Association, Inc.) John Sheets, Malcolm Hook, Michael Winter, and each of them, or
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ [please write in the name of a person who will definitely be at the Annual Meeting and who will be voting on your behalf] and, in their absence, such persons as are set forth in (a) above, and each of them, (collectively, the "Proxies") with full power of substitution, as Proxies to vote on behalf of the undersigned Member at the **Annual Meeting of Members of the United States Eventing Association ("Annual Meeting") to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Reston, Reston Town Center, Virginia** and at any adjournments thereof with all the powers the Member would possess if personally present.

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To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s) for Governor, write the name(s) in the following space:

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\_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

**(3) In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting, or any adjournment thereof. At present, the Board knows of no other such matters.**

**Unless revoked, this Proxy when properly signed will be voted in accordance with the instructions given by the undersigned member(s). If no direction is given, this Proxy will be voted FOR items 1 and 2.**

Required: USEA Member No. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2009

PRINT Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRINT Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Only those who have obtained a Membership (all categories of members) for 2010 are eligible to vote. **Please renew your membership now. A Proxy sent by mail will not be accepted if it is postmarked after November 16, 2009.** Please sign and return this Proxy in the enclosed return envelope to the United States Eventing Association, 525 Old Waterford Road NW, Leesburg, Virginia 20176, **postmarked no later than November 16, 2009.** Proxy forms may also be hand delivered to the Secretary no later than three hours prior to the Annual Meeting. This Proxy form may be copied if Members wish to submit individual Proxy forms.

## The Nominees

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**Kevin Baumgardner** Area VII (2010) Kevin Baumgardner, President of the USEA, is a former USEA Area VII chairman, and serves on the USEF Eventing Technical Committee. He is an adult amateur rider who has evented through the advanced level. He is currently a partner of a prestigious Seattle law firm.

**Jane Beshear** At-large (2010) Jane is the owner and manager of Hourglass Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. She has foxhunted for 32 years, and evented for 14 years of those years, competing several horses through the preliminary level. She has served on many community and state boards, and currently serves on the Equestrian Events, Inc. Board of Directors. She was the secretary of the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation and is currently the First Lady of Kentucky.

**Dorothy Crowell** At-large (2010) Dorothy Crowell from Frankfort, Kentucky is a four-star rider with a successful international record. With Molokai, Dorothy won the silver medal at the 1994 World Equestrian Games in The Hague and won the USET Pinnacle Cup at the 1998 Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event. In 2008, she completed Rolex on Radio Flyer. Married with one daughter, Dorothy pursues an event teaching and training students.

**Cindy De Porter** At-large (2010) Cindy, who calls Oxford, North Carolina home, has been a member of the USEA since 1977. She has evented through the long-format one-star level. Cindy is the chair of the USEA Adult Rider Committee and serves as the Area II Adult Rider Coordinator. She is a TD, event judge, course designer, and co-organizer of the Pinehurst Horse Trials and the Training Three-Day event at Waredaca. Cindy holds a Masters degree in Social Work and currently works for the state of North Carolina.

**Matthew I. Fine** At-large (2010) In 2009 Matt Fine graduated as an honors student with a double major in Philosophy and Political Science from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He was the inaugural chair of the USEF Youth Council and began the development of the USEA Youth Board. In January 2008, Matt was awarded the President's Award for Distinguished Service by USEF President, David O'Connor. Matt competed at the 2005 NAJYRC in the CCI1\* long-format event and was a member of the CU Equestrian Team.

**Jonathan Holling** Area III (2010-2012) Jon Holling is a certified level IV instructor with the USEA, and has many years of professional experience in the equine industry. Jon has been fortunate enough to have ridden around some of the most prestigious events in the world such as the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, Burghley, and the World Cup Final in Malmo, Sweden. He has been actively involved with the Professional Horseman's Council for the past three years. Jon, along with his wife Jennifer, runs a full service training facility in Ocala, Florida.

**JJ Johnson** At-large (2010) JJ calls Tennessee home. A competitive rider for 30 years, JJ is now the organizer of the Middle Tennessee Pony Club Horse Trials. JJ has her "r" TD license and was a cross-country controller at the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games. She currently is the co-chair of the USEA Safety Committee and was the chairman of the 2007 Eventing Review Task Force. JJ has also been the chief of communications at the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day event for the last 17 years.

**Cathy Jones Forsberg** Area IV (2010-2012) A USEA Level III Certified Instructor, Cathy Jones-Forsberg, has been teaching and training horses and riders for 30 years. Her accomplishments include several CCI2\*s, running Advanced, and bringing several young horses up through the levels. Cathy is also an experienced and successful instructor; she coached the Area IV Young Rider team for four years, has also coached Olympian Becky Holder and Courageous Comet at Rolex and currently works with riders of every level.

**Robert Kellerhouse** At-large (2010) A graduate of San Diego State University where he majored in Business Administration, Robert Kellerhouse now resides in Del Mar, California. Robert is the organizer of Galway Downs' Three-Day Events and Woodside Horse Trials and he also served as organizer of the Del Mar Horse Trials and two-day event from 1995-1998. Robert has competed in upper-level horse trials throughout the United States and was named to the Developing Riders list three consecutive years in the 1990s.

**Carol Kozlowski** Area I (2010-2012) Carol is a nationally known rider, instructor and coach. A graduate "A" Pony Clubber, she is based out of her "Mothersfield" farm in Avon, New York. She has been an active competitor for over 25 years, riding through the CCI3\* level. She coached the successful Area II Young Riders Teams from 2004-2006. Carol works daily with all levels of horses and riders, from breaking youngsters to coaching at the top levels.

**Louise Leslie** At-large (2010) Lou Leslie currently lives in Redmond, Washington. She was Area VII Chair from 2002 to 2007 and currently serves on the Endowment committee and also is a member of the ICP committee. She is very active in the Area VII Adult Riders, has worked hard to bring top-flight clinicians to the Area for Adult Riders clinics and camps. For many years she competed aboard her wonderful chestnut Jack O'Lantern at preliminary and intermediate. "Jack" was a "rescue horse" when she got him at age two.

**DC McBroom** At-large (2010) D.C. started competing at age five in the hunter/jumper world, and as an adult became the coach of the University of Virginia's equestrian team. She became involved in eventing as an adult, and as a rider was named the 2001 USEA Senior Novice Rider of the Year. D.C. earned her M.S. in accounting and finance from the University of Virginia. She has served as president of the Blue Ridge Eventing Association, chair of Area II, a trustee of the USEA Endowment Trust. She is currently a member of various USEA committees including the Executive Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee, as well as serving on the USEF Eventing Technical Committee.

**Diane Pitts** At-large (2010) Diane, from Dallas, Texas, retired from the practice of law in 2003 after 24 years with the law firm of Jenkins and Gilchrist, P.C. She has a B.A. from Southern Methodist University and a J.D. from the University of Virginia. Her involvement with the equestrian community developed through her son's eventing competitions. She is the past secretary of the Area V Council of the USEA, and she has been involved in planning the Texas Horse Park for several years, also serving as Interim Director. Diane is married to attorney Kenny Rogers and has two sons, Andrew and Stephen.

**Mary Schwentker** At-large (2010) Mary Schwentker has successfully competed at multiple international events including the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event. She has been an ICP Certified Instructor since 2003 at Level II, is an "A" level Pony Clubber, and has her USDF bronze and silver medals. In 1999, Mary was short-listed by the United States Equestrian Team for the Pan American Games. Mary graduated in 1986 with a BS from Wilson College. She has been married for 17 years and has two sons, Nicholas and Drew.

**Allison Springer** Area II (2010) Allison is an international event rider who has had great success in three and four-star competitions. She has been named to multiple Developing Rider lists and hopes to represent the U.S in team competition someday soon. Allison earned her colors in the Fox River Valley Hunt at an early age and achieved the "A" rating of National Pony Club by the age of 16. She graduated from the highly selective Bowdoin College where she was on the Dean's list.

..... **Exhibit A. Proposed Changes to the By-laws of the U. S. Eventing Association** .....

Changes to be voted on are in bold and italicized.

**ARTICLE III**

Board of Governors

3. Tenure **and Term Limits**. The term of an Area Governor shall be three years. In each Area, the Area Governor shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified, or until he sooner dies, resigns, is removed, or becomes disqualified. The term of an At-large Governor shall be one, two or three years, provided that said Governor shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified, or until he sooner dies, resigns, is removed, or becomes disqualified. The total terms of all Governors shall be staggered in such a manner that approximately one-third of the total of all terms shall expire each year. **No Governor may serve more than six consecutive years as a voting member of the Board of Governors, but may serve additional nonconsecutive terms as a Governor; provided, however, a Governor whose service as President commences after the fourth consecutive year as a Governor, may continue to serve as a voting member of the Board of Governors until the expiration of his three year term as President.**

(a) Qualification. Governors shall be Life Members or Full Members, ~~Non-Competing Members, or adult Family Members~~ of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE V**

Officers

1. Enumeration. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, ***the President Elect, if any***, and such other officers, including one or more Vice Presidents, Assistant Treasurers, and Assistant Secretaries, as the Board of Governors may from time to time determine.

2. Election. ***The President shall be elected by the Board of Governors at their Annual Meeting immediately prior to his or her term of office. A President Elect shall be elected by the Board of Governors at their Annual Meeting one year prior to the expiration of the term of the sitting President.*** The Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected by the Board of Governors at their Annual Meeting ***immediately prior to their term of office.*** Other officers may be elected by the Board of Governors at their Annual Meeting or at any other meeting.

3. Qualification. No person who is not a Governor may be an officer, provided, however, that Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries need only be members to qualify for such offices, and further provided that the Executive Director of the Corporation may, at the Board's discretion, be designated as Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. ***The President shall have served a minimum of two years as a Governor and one year as a member of the Executive Committee prior to taking office. The President Elect shall have served a minimum of one year as a Governor prior to taking office.*** The Secretary shall be a resident of Massachusetts unless the Corporation has a resident agent appointed for the purpose of service of process. Any officer may be required by the Board of Governors to give bond for the faithful performance of his or her duties in such amount and with such sureties as the Board of Governors may determine.

4. Tenure **and Term Limits**.

(a) One Year Terms **for Non-President Officers**. Except as otherwise provided by law, by the Articles of Organization, or by these By-Laws, the ~~President~~ Treasurer and Secretary shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors and until their respective successors are chosen and qualified; and all other officers, **except as otherwise provided for in part (b) below**, shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors and until their successors are chosen and qualified, or for such shorter term as the Board of Governors may fix at the time such officers are chosen elected.

(b) **Term and Limits for President. Except as otherwise provided by law, by the Articles of Organization, or by these By-Laws, the President shall hold office until the third Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors following election to the Presidency and may not be re-elected to a consecutive term, except that the President may serve for one year immediately following his or her term as a non-voting President Emeritus upon confirmation by the Board of Governors. The President may not be elected to more than three consecutive terms totaling three years.**