Annual Convention Committee

Committee Chair: Connie Geisler
Committee Members: Connie Geisler, Sarah Hill, Peggy van Hook, Charlotte Horton
Committee’s 2010 Goals: Plan and implement the 2011 AVA annual meeting scheduled for March 3-6, 2011 to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Last Committee Meeting: July 7, 2010
Next Anticipated Committee Meeting: During Nationals
Open committee/project volunteer positions you need to fill to accomplish your goals: We need additional committee members from other regions that are willing to help plan the meeting and also help facilitate the meeting.
Progress toward 2010 goals to date: Venue search-- Requests for Proposals have been sent to and received from 61 hotels. 6 of those were selected for onsite visits. The search was narrowed to three of those hotels, but the final selection has not been made, pending decisions about off site clinics.
What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010: Make final venue selection. Plan theme, seminars and clinics to be held and create schedule of activities.
Any issues or problems you see: Choice between education or meeting work as the main focus, as well as conflict in schedule and whether or not to have offsite venue for horse education.
Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members: Additional members willing to help do the work as well as input from members as to what they would like to see offered at the conference.

AVA Blast

Committee Chair: Lynn Stevens
Committee Members: Lynn Stevens, Julie Divita, Sheri Benjamin, Craig Coburn, Eileen Jassowski
Committee’s 2010 Goals: Improve communication to membership using criteria that is Blast-specific. Making the process pro-active rather than reactive and using data from mailings to fine-tune communication.

Last Committee Meeting: July 23, phone conference
Next Anticipated Committee Meeting: None scheduled
Open committee/project volunteer positions you need to fill to accomplish your goals: A person to be responsible for asking for and reminding people to submit important entries.
Progress toward 2010 goals to date: The number of people opening the Blast has slowly but steadily improved since the beginning of the year. In January, opens were at 20% and have progressed to about 45% this month. Click-throughs are also improving slowly. Changes include: a calendar to be developed to trigger requesting information for scheduled events throughout the year i.e. Nationals, Annual Convention; starting in August, the Blast will go out the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month to accommodate Lynn’s schedule and a helper will be enlisted to prompt submissions and remind those people in a timely manner to give their entries to Lynn.
What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010: Develop a format for entries to make them more consistent. Continue to follow the trends of each mailing to better utilize the method.
of communication and ensure criteria is adhered to so that members are motivated to open the mailings.

**Any issues or problems you see:** Getting information in a timely manner and knowing who to ask for it.

**Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members:** Board members have been great at working out the kinks and improving the Blast.

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**Awards (Membership and Competitions)**

**Chair:** Carol Beutler.

**Committee Members:** Shari Stapleton-Smith, Marge Oakes, Judy Toothaker, Sheri Benjamin, Nancy Stevens-Brown, Jeannie Beattie, Toni Amoroso, Rosie Brown, Sue Detol.

**Committee’s 2010 Goals:** Have better defined criteria for subjective awards. Expand the types of awards that we want to consider for the future. Have each region better represented on the committee.

**Last Committee Meeting:** Our last meeting was at the annual meeting in Oregon. We had a brainstorming session on “Who and What do we want to award”.

**Next Anticipated Committee Meeting:** Conference Call in August or September.

**Open committee/project volunteer positions you need to fill to accomplish your goals:** Still in the process of defining specific jobs. Some are already posted on the web.

**Committee Report to Board:**

**Progress toward 2010 goals to date:** I sent out an email of all of the Regional Supervisors, asking for names of people they think might like to serve on this committee so that we have representation from each region. Regions 9 and 10 only have a person from each region serving on the Youth Sportsmanship committee. Other sub committees need to have a similar representation. An email with the list of ideas from the brainstorming session was sent to all the current committee members. A meeting at Nationals would be nice, but some will not be there and others will be very busy so we plan to use email and conference calls to get some of the work done. A few of the items from the idea list will be implemented at Nationals this year.

**What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010:** We want to review the procedure and criteria for Mentor of the Year and Volunteer of the Year and have that ready for the November Board Meeting to present to the Board. We will also be reviewing the idea list and see what we want to incorporate next year for Nationals and for the annual meeting. We want to encourage Regions of use some of the ideas in the Regions for those at the Regional level.

**Any issues or problems you see:** Getting people to be on the committee from regions not currently on the committee. I am doing the High Point Tracking this year so I can get a feel for what it might take to get the process automated. I have worked with a few of the Dad’s at Region II Championships in the scoring office, and have some ideas to present to some of the Dad’s that do programming or have that kind of mindset to help us figure out the best way to automate the process.

**Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members:** We will let you know.

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**Competitions Committee**

**Committee Chair:** Linda Bibbler

**Committee Members:** Carol Beutler, Rosie Brown, Suzanne Detol, Tom Oakes, Marianne Rose

**Committee’s General/Long Term Goals:** To encourage more competitions throughout the country, and to strengthen regional competitions and regional championships,

**Committee’s 2010 Goals:**
• Collaborate with Nationals Committee to develop five year strategic plan for Competitions and Nationals
• Provide assistance as necessary to new and existing competition management throughout the country
• Seminar at Annual Meeting
• Develop and post materials online
• Provide mentoring to new competition management
• Provide assistance with CompWeb, scheduling, scoring office set-up, etc.
• Review/research requirements for barrel competitions, specifically footing requirements.
• Subcommittee formed at Annual Meeting to research use of mats for barrel events and bring forth a proposal by next Board Meeting at Nationals
• Develop proposal for recognized barrel competitions

Progress toward 2010 goals to date: Not as good as hoped or expected.

Specific accomplishments include:
• Seminar at Annual Meeting, How to Run a Competition
• Assistance with various competitions on submitting USEF electronic results
• Worked with USEF Sports Data, Competitions, and IT departments to develop new/revised electronic submission form; CompWeb now generates this form automatically;
• CompWeb also generates the reports form to report Horse Scores to USEF for HOTY Awards

Work to be done:
Develop proposal for footing for Barrel Events
Develop proposal for Recognized Barrel Events

What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010:
Update materials on AVA website;
Develop resource list for competition management
Develop job descriptions, timelines, etc. to assist competition management

Any issues or problems you see:
Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members: Someone to step up and take ownership of the Barrel Footing/Recognized Barrel Competition project

Constitution and Bylaws
Committee Chair: Craig Coburn
Active Committee Members: Wayne Beisecker, Charlie Bittenbring, Craig Coburn, Kelley Holly, Penny Maydak, Kerry Noble, Robert Weber
Advisory Committee Members: Linda Bibbler, Joy Coburn, Suzanne Detol, Amy McCune, Jan Weber, Jennifer Williams
Committee’s 2010 Goals:
Priority #1: Address AVA Board Mandate (March, 2010) – Develop motions to address Board concerns regarding Order of Precedence; Governance and Operations Guidelines; Develop Committee Charters
Priority #2: Revise Standing Rule language related to Vaulting World/Equestrian Vaulting Magazine; Neutralize all language and professionalize wording by eliminating pronouns.
Priority #3: Incorporate a diversity and ethics statement
Priority #4: Discuss ideas for minimum experience for Executive Board eligibility and Board eligibility – purpose was to ensure members with a history and willingness to work as a volunteer for the AVA.

Last Committee Meeting: July 24, 2010
Next Anticipated Committee Meeting: August 14, 2010
Open committee/project volunteer positions you need to fill to accomplish your goals:
Committee is complete but feedback and ideas are ALWAYS WELCOME.

Progress toward 2010 goals to date:
- Completed Priority #1 and Priority #2: 5 Motions for Board to vote on at July 31 Meeting.
- Discussed via many conference calls and emails various issues that arose that related to the interpretation of the current By-Laws and Standing Rules as they related to:
  - Nominating Committee: duties, limitations, responsibilities based on current AVA Rules.
  - VP Membership vacancy on 2010 Ballot
  - Recommendations to AVA Board regarding how to best handle the office of VP of Membership for 2011.

What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010:
Priority #1: Address AVA Board Mandate (March, 2010) – Adjust/make alternations to motions presented to Board if not approved.
Priority #3: Incorporate a diversity and ethics statement
Priority #4: Discuss ideas for minimum experience for Executive Board eligibility and Board eligibility – purpose was to ensure members with a history and willingness to work as a volunteer for the AVA.
New Priority: Develop proposal for revised Executive Board and Board of Directors structure. Primary issues for discussion will be size of Executive Board and Board of Directors; responsibilities of various members of Executive Board and Board of Directors.

Any issues or problems you see:
- Current size of Executive Board and Board of Directors; responsibilities of various members of Executive Board and Board of Directors. Desire for a smaller Board of Directors and reconfiguration of the Executive Board (new Officer positions, no Executive Board).
- Various membership fees to be developed each year by Budget Committee, VP Membership and to be approved by Board of Directors. Special membership categories given some flexibility for change by Executive Board.

Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members:
CBL Committee is very open to new ideas and suggestions from the Membership.

Development
Committee Chair: Rick VanVranken
Committee Members: Jan Weber, Priscilla G. Faulkner
Committee’s 2010 Goals: Oversee Publications, Trade Shows and Friendship Team Committees, pursue Sponsorships, Grants, Promotion and Development of Vaulting programs.

Progress toward 2010 goals to date:
Publications, Trade Shows & Friendship Teams – please see individual committee reports
Promotion and Development – By Jan Weber: 60 second WEG commercial to be aired regionally around KY leading up to WEG – Beiseckers (Mt. Tabor Vaulters) worked with video production team to provide vaulting video which should be the opening 10 seconds of the piece. There are 2 more countries entered in principle for WEG than at Aachen in 2006.
Also from Jan: The International Museum of Horse at the KY Horse Park is updating displays and by a generous anonymous donation will include a vaulting exhibit required to be ready by WEG.
Sponsorships and Grants – Equus Foundation Grant Application - In consultation with President, a grant application was submitted to the Equus Foundation. The objective of the proposal is to fund promotion and expansion of vaulting by providing training and resources to existing equestrian riding programs expanding concentrically outward from existing vaulting programs.
What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010:

Any issues or problems you see:
The Development VP position should probably be split into at least 2, maybe 3, positions.

Equestrian Vaulting Magazine
Chair: Megan Benjamin
Committee: Julie Divita, Eileen and Mike Jassowski, Sheri Benjamin, Katharina Woodman, as well as contributing columnists and writers Nancy Stevens-Brown, Suzanne Detol, Yossi Martonovich and Stacey Burnett.

Committee’s 2010 Goals: Revamp and continue to improve the vaulting magazine in 2010. Increase advertising revenue significantly. Increase subscription base by marketing to potential subscribers outside our usual membership.

Progress toward 2010 goals to date: First issue of revamped magazine was well received. Second issue, focusing on Guys in Vaulting, is hitting members’ mailboxes now. Have just launched a Multi-Pack Subscription Program for interested members and/or clubs to buy multiple copies of the magazine to distribute to gymnastics clubs, dance studios, doctors’ offices, etc., in their area.

Issues or problems: We need more advertisers, and a bigger subscription base! Also need more writers, and additional photography, in regions not on the West Coast.

Help you need from the board, other committees or from members: See above! Help us sell advertising and buy additional subscriptions for friends and family.

Friendship Team
Chair: Priscilla G. Faulkner
Committee Members: Jan Weber
Committee’s 2010 Goals:
Demo Equine Affaire, Ohio, April
Demo @ KY Horse Park Equestrian Youth Festival, March
8 days of Demos at Equine Village at KY Horse Park, Oct. 3-10 during WEG, and International Equestrian Festival of the Horse in downtown Lexington during WEG.

Last Committee Meeting: Committee meets about every 2 weeks via conference call, including Patti Skipton, Michelle Solorzano, in preparation of WEG demos.

Next Anticipated Committee Meeting: conf calls every two weeks

Open committee/project volunteer positions you need to fill to accomplish your goals: would like to turn over some projects but done for this year.

Progress toward 2010 goals to date:
~10,000 in audience at Equine Affaire demo
~7,000 school children from all around KY viewed vaulting demo coordinated by Beiseckers and Mt. Tabor Vaulters @ KY Horse Park in March. Positive press of event included quotes from youth attendees stating that the vaulting was the best part!

What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010:
Demo @ WEG 10/3-10/10 at Equine Village at KYHP

Any issues or problems you see:
Funding. Horse & vaulter availability – demo requests usually come from events/organizations looking for free demos, sometimes offering hotel rooms and food, but rarely transportation.

[Comments by R VanVranken: Most events requesting vaulting demos are some distance from existing vaulting programs, let alone the Friendship Team. For example, requests were received for demos at
Washington National Horse Show (Wash, DC), Belmont World of Horses weekend festival (NYC, NY), and the AQHA National Championships in Oklahoma City, OK. Because of timing of the requests and lack of horses/vaulters availability, the closest programs able to consider participating were from 4-5 hours away from the Washington event, at least 2 hours from the Belmont event, and 700+ miles from Oklahoma City. None of the requests came with offers to support transporting horse(s) and/or vaulters for what would amount to demos ranging from 6 minutes to 20 minutes. Jan indicated AQHA ended up incorporating video, which would be something to consider as an alternative for some venues.

**Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members:**
Requests for 2011 demos are already coming in. A calendar needs to be set up and lists of horses/longeurs/vaulters available by region/availability and distance able to travel need to be developed. Demos need to be prioritized based on availability of funding, vaulters, longeurs and horses.

**Grants**
**Chair:** Jan Garrod
**Committee Members:** Merry Cole, Suzanne Detol, Jane Egger, Jane Garrod, Connie Geisler, Stephanie Siemens.
The AVA Grants Committee awarded two grants during the spring grants program. Both were for clinics: $600 to Talisman Las Vegas Vaulters and $400 to the Root Farm Foundation in New York. Grant applications are due March 10 and Sept. 10.

**Grievance**
**Chair:** Bill Brown
**Committee Members:** Craig Coburn, Suzanne Detol, Priscilla Faulkner
**Committee’s 2010 Goals:** Review any submitted grievances and see if they can be acted upon by the AVA and if so, provide recommendations to the Board of Directors as to what actions are possible.
**Last Committee Meeting:** No regularly scheduled Committee meetings.
**Next Anticipated Committee Meeting:** No regularly scheduled Committee meetings.
**Open committee/project volunteer positions you need to fill to accomplish your goals:** None
**Progress toward 2010 goals to date:** To continue to review any submitted grievances and see if they can be acted upon by the AVA and if so, provide recommendations to the Board of Directors as to what actions are possible. Currently there are no officially submitted grievances.

**Horse Committee**
**Chair:** Yossi Martonovich
**Committee Members:** Lynda Bender, Poppy Coulter, Kelley Holly, Carol Land, Patti Skipton, Yossi Martonovich
**Committee’s 2010 Goals:** To improve the overall knowledge and skills of the AVA trainers & longuers for recreational vaulting as well as competitive vaulting by:
- Holding at least one horse training clinic in each region during 2010.
- Making available new technologies to study the vaulting horse in the competitive world.
- Researching different Lunging Certification Programs.
**Progress toward 2010 Goals to Date:**
Vaulting Horse Training clinics were held across the country with many attendees.
February - Region IX in Swedesbor NJ (was covered by the NY Times)
April - Region II at Mt. Eden Vaulting club and at Tambourine Vaulters
In March, during the Annual Meeting, our committee presented a data based well researched power point presentation called, "Analysis of Horse Scores and Breeds" based on data from our last Nationals and the CVI Kentucky. It was open to all and very well attended. The presentation was followed by an open discussion centering around what makes a good vaulting horse and how can we make sure those qualities are reflected in the horse score.

Many questions came up as a results of this presentation such as:
- Is the current Horse Scoring "system" relevant to the sport of vaulting?
- Do the low scores which the Draft Horses are getting, reflect their true performance?
- If we truly believe and want to promote "Grassroots" vaulting, are we sending the right message when we give low scores to breeds that the beginning clubs rely heavily on?
- Since our current Horse Scoring "System" clearly favors Warmbloods and due to the high price of the Warmbloods in our country, are we turning our sport into an "elitist" sport that only the rich can afford?

We also looked at several new ways to add the vaulters score and the horse score to video of each go, thus allowing the trainer or coach to study the differences in horses and their scores more clearly as well as providing instant feedback for the vaulter and his/her score.

Discussion also centered around the prospect of developing a lunging certification program.

**National Championships Committee**

**Committee Chair:** Linda Bibbler

**Committee Members:** Marianne Rose, Carol Beutler, Robin Bowman, Connie Geisler, Nancy Stevens-Brown, Linda Van Hook, Peggy Van Hook

**Committee’s 2010 Goals:** Annual Goals: Put on a successful National Championships; plan for the future National Championships. 2010 goals are to have a Nationals Championships which meets our profit objectives for the AVA while increasing the enjoyment of our participants and highlighting all levels of vaulters. To implement this we have done the following:

- Developed a new format of one day of Nationals Festival and three day Nationals Championships
- Sponsored an all-club/region barbecue – goal of barbecue to have family social event; opportunity to meet vaulters from around the country; have fun; encourage attendance
- Developed the “Nationals Festival” to highlight lower levels/unrecognized events
- Added “fun” events at Barbecue following Nationals Festival Day
- Added and formalized events to honor our sponsors and participants (VIP reception; Awards ceremonies)
- Implemented separate awards ceremonies for each level – unrecognized; AVA; and USEF – so each level gets honored appropriately (Thursday: unrecognized; Saturday: AVA; Sunday: USEF)
- Feature only one ring of competition on Sunday so all competitors and spectators can enjoy the final freestyle rounds of all upper level/USEF events – C, B, and A teams, Bronze (2nd round comps), Silver and Gold – this is truly a spectator friendly day!

**Last Committee Meeting:** We have had teleconference calls monthly since earlier this year; most recent meeting was July 1. Notes of meeting with related Action Items are attached.

**Next Anticipated Committee Meeting:** Teleconference call: July 22, 2010; Face to face meeting: July 28, 2010

**Open committee/project volunteer positions you need to fill to accomplish your goals:** None

**Progress toward 2010 goals to date:** Outstanding! Excellent contributions by all committee members. Great organizing committee. My expectations are that Nationals 2010 will not only be successful financially, but will accomplish the specific objective outlined above.
What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010:
Sign contract for Denver facility for 2011.
Form Organizing committee for 2011.
Evaluate potential locations for Nationals 2012.

Any issues or problems you see: None

Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members: Proposals for sites for 2012.

National Office
Committee Chair: Craig Coburn
Active Support Volunteers: Suzanne Detol, Jan Weber, Kelley Holly, Marianne Rose, Tom Oakes, Eileen Jassowski

Committee’s 2010 Goals:
Priority #1: Service all of the AVA Membership to the best of my ability.
Priority #2: Improve online registration process.
Priority #3: Improve communication with membership.
Priority #4: Work with website committee to improve membership services.
Priority #5: Prepare 2011 Membership Drive

Frequent Meetings With:
- Almost daily communication with direct supervisor, Kelley Holly, Executive Vice President.
- Frequent communication with Sheri Benjamin/President, Julie Divita/VP Membership, Jodi Rinard/Treasurer, Linda Bibbler/VP Competitions and Eileen Jassowski/AVA Webmaster.

Open committee/project volunteer positions you need to fill to accomplish your goals:
Suzanne Detol, Jan Weber and Marianne Rose provide a tremendous amount of volunteer support. Feedback and ideas are ALWAYS WELCOME.

Progress toward 2010 goals to date:
- Improved online registration process (but some significant improvements will be implemented for 2011.
- I have had the opportunity to work with more members this year than ever before. Kindness, compassion and respect to all members is always my priority.
- Timely phone and email response to all inquiries whenever possible.
- Provided input and assistance to webmaster with regard to the website face-lift.

National Office intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010:
Priority #1: Service AVA membership to the best of my ability.
Priority #2: Field increasing volume of inquiries regarding how to start a new vaulting club. Many new clubs or riding clubs looking to start a vaulting program are looking for clinics and financial support.
Priority #3: Prepare 2011 Membership Drive
Priority #4: Field increasing volume of calls regarding WEG including press, information about vaulting and our competitors. Most calls are directed to the volunteer responsible for coordinating and disseminating this information.

Any issues or problems you see:
- Kelley Holly has been EXTREMELY PRO-ACTIVE in resolving any and all issues I have had while running the National Office. I could not ask for a more compassionate, intuitive and responsive supervisor than Kelley.
- The Executive Board has also been extremely willing to accommodate all of my needs and requests. The fact that they meet every month enables them to be very responsive.
- Primary issue of concern: many phone calls and emails come after office hours and are
expected to be dealt with that very same day. I do check my AVA email throughout the day
(outside of my official office hours) and respond to any issues that are “urgent.”
- When I have two lines going at the same time, calls are automatically diverted to voice mail.
  Some members get frustrated because they call during office hours but can’t reach someone
  immediately. I do my best to return all calls in a timely manner.
- Volunteer Hours: I would like the membership to know that I donate 3-4 hours almost
  every day to AVA Office work that simply cannot be completed during the allocated hours. I
  do not receive compensation for this time and I don’t expect it. I love the AVA and I am
  happy to volunteer some of my personal time to the AVA. I would just like the membership
  to know that I too am a volunteer.

**Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members:**
I have all the help I that I need. I just want the Board to know that, I assume because of WEG and the
updated website, that I have received a higher volume of calls and emails this year than ever before.
YEAH! This is great for vaulting!!

**Publications**
**Committee Chair:** Jan Weber
**Committee Members:** n/a
**Progress toward 2010 goals to date:**
- Reformatting for sales document and adding some things to web site orders – plan to work on
  and finish in next few weeks
- Mail order sales are around $500/month
- What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010:
- Finish updates. Adding Brno video tapes, out of big 2006 FAME/Megan Benjamin posters, might
  want to add more posters at more reasonable prices

**Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members:** ideas for other pubs /
resources to make available appreciated.

**Region I Report**
**2010 Regional Supervisor:** Connie Geisler
**Officers:** Sarah Hill (President), Michael Fraim (Vice President) Connie Geisler (Secretary), Peggy van
Hook (Treasurer).
**2010 Accomplishments (so far):**
- Increased # of registered clubs from 14 in 2009 to 19 (so far) in 2010
- 3 competitions held within the region, with Region I Championships scheduled for
  November 6-7, 2010 in Las Vegas
- CHA Coach Certification held by The Riding Academy added 7 certified coaches to the 2
  already certified
- Implemented a college scholarship program with the first recipient to be announced August
  15, 2010
- Mentoring of coaches of 2 new clubs by coaches of 2 existing clubs at certification and also
  at clinic held July 20 as well as ongoing email and phone communication

**2010 Objectives for remainder of the year:**
- Host USEF/AVA National Championships and National Festival in Santa Barbara
- Provide demonstrations and display booth at Los Angeles County Fair
- USEF/AVA Region I Championships—Vaulting in Vegas III November 6-7, 2010
Host AVA Annual Meeting in Las Vegas March 3-6, 2011
Continue to support budding new clubs

Region II Report
Regional Supervisor: Carolyn Conner
Region II officers: President Kelley Holly, Vice President Susan Frankel, Secretary Jill Hobby, Treasurer Fran Hoke, Education Director Megan Grove, High Point Director Carol Beutler, Regional Supervisor Carolyn Conner.

2010 Highlights:

Last Region II Board Meeting:
Held in Grass Valley during the Region II Championships on July 8th, 2010.

Next Anticipated Region II Board Meeting: November 20, 2010 in Petaluma.

Report to AVA Board:

Our current Region II website is the Yahoo Groups AVARegion2. Eileen Jassowski says that the AVA Website will soon be able to host Region II and eliminate our need for a separate website.

Marianne Rose has created a Vaulting World 2 magazine in .pdf format to send out to Region II members and others interested in our region’s events, results and news. It follows the old Vaulting World format and has been very well received. We do not print out this magazine but those who receive it via email can easily have it printed or forwarded to share with their friends and family. It fills the void left by the new magazine that does not post results or pictures of the lower level vaulters at the smaller events.

One of our loaner surcingles is being used by Barbara Thompson to start up a recreational program in Elk Grove. Barbara was the coach for Evergreen Vaulters for many years.

Jill Hobby from Region II is running for Secretary on the AVA Board and Robin Martin has volunteered to be on the awards committee with Carol Beutler. Both are from Tambourine.

Region II is now officially a non-profit member of the AVA.

What Region II intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010:
Remaining Planned Events: 10/23/2010 Mt Eden Halloween Fest; 11/20/2010 Region II Annual Awards Dinnerclinics/meeting (see Region II notes for possible changes to this event). It appears that MANY Region II vaulters will be competing at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky in October. There are also many Region II vaulters traveling to Kentucky to perform demos and act as ambassadors to our sport as part of the AVA Friendship Team under the guidance of Michelle Solorzano from Nu Balance Vaulters. Several Region II members will be traveling to WEG as volunteers for the vaulting competition too.

Any issues or problems you see:
Our Regionals was not well attended this year partially due to many upper level vaulters competing in Europe and partially due to lower numbers of vaulters in some clubs due to the economy. We hope to encourage more participation from younger vaulters though lower level ‘fun’ events, possibly using upper level vaulters as officials. I have had feedback from some coaches that competitions are not much fun for the lower level (and mostly younger) vaulters with the elimination of awards presentations and lots of waiting around.
As discussed at our regional board meeting, we would like to see representatives from each Region collect and then give advice/input/recommendations to Nationals managers to make Nationals better, safer and more inviting.

**2011 Planned Events:**
- Tambourine Vaulters/Kelley Holly-- February 2011 Barrel Fest;
- Woodside Vaulters/Linda Bibbler-- 1st weekend in June 2011 possibly 2nd weekend (June 11-12)
- Nu Balance Vaulters--Barrel Fest tentatively – March 19, 2011
- Morning Star/Willow Tree/Carolyn Conner (No fest this year, due to WEG) October 2011 possibly October 2nd - probably lower level emphasizing tiny totwalk/trot with upper level vaulters as the officials.
- High Performance Clinics – Sponsored by Pacific Coast Vaulters --November 2010 High Performance Camp & Fall 2011 High Performance Camp
- Region II Annual Regional competition 2011. Options are Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley or Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville (July 28-31, 2011) Issues – timing for Nationals for horses and vaulters travel/condition and Zone Awards.

**Region III Report**
**Regional Supervisor:** Penny Maydak  
**Committee Members:** Penny Maydak (president), Bonnie Kuki (secretary), Kerry Noble (Treasurer).  
**Committee's 2010 Goals:**  
- Hold a minimum of five recognized competitions in our region  
- Create & provide educational opportunities for our members.  
- Work to increase awareness of Vaulting and to grow membership.  
- Increase participation of Region Members in sponsoring events.  
- Search for ways to increase funding to our Region to better support our vaulters.  
- Host the AVA Annual Meeting in Portland, OR.  
**Progress toward 2010 goals to date:** In March we hosted the Annual Meeting in Portland, OR. We have had several recognized competitions within our region that have been well attended, including our Regional Championships. We have also had camps and demonstrations hosted by various teams, helping to spread awareness of vaulting. Many clubs from our Region will be attending Nationals and have been working hard to prepare for the competition.  
**What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010:** We will turn our focus to offering more educational opportunities for coaches and horses after we return home from Nationals. We also are plan to hold at least one fall fest. Plans are also underway for 2011 Regional Championships to be held in Washington State.

**Region IV Report**
**2010 Regional Supervisor:** Noel Martonovich  
**Overall Objective:** To develop and extend vaulting within our region. To promote audience friendly competitions.  
**2010 Objectives and Progress:**  
1) We have obtained non profit status for the region and are now able to apply for grants to help us with competition expenses.
2) We have instituted in our first 2 competitions of the season an audience friendly class called "into the Future" where our best vaulters win fame and money putting on an entertaining and costumed act. It has been a great success so far and is bringing in more audiences to our competitions.
3) We plan to participate with our horses at WEG.
4) We would like to increase cooperation between the clubs by putting on a Spirit of Vaulting Conference in Texas.
5) Clubs from region IV competed at the Region IV regionals: Mile High, Albuquerque, Golden Gate, Vaulters del Sol, Lazy River Vaulters. No vaulters from the Texas clubs participated in any of region IV's competitions so far this year.

Competitions in our Region this year:
- Blizzard Barrel Fest - to give our mountain kids something to look forward to in a snow filled year. Hosted by Vaulters del Sol and judged by Mary McCormick, it included a yoga warmup class, competition classes, a hip hop demo, a capoeira demo and audience participation class, and clinics with Mary. Attended by Albuquerque Vaulters, Lazy River Vaulters, and Vaulters del Sol.
- Wintergreen Fest - to give new vaulters and horses an introduction to competition in a relaxed and inexpensive atmosphere. Participants from Golden Gate, Mile High, and Equestarz.
- April Fest - Recognized competition
- Regionals - At a new facility in Las Vegas, New Mexico
- Gold Star Pacesetters has joined with the Lone Star Vaulters to send the first-ever team from Texas to Nationals. Kim Pritchett, vaulter and her father, Tom, Gold Star Pacesetter's lunger, took our horse, Gustauff, to the competition in Georgia as sort of an audition for a Friendship Team at WEG. Gus was chosen and will be going to Kentucky for those demonstrations.

Clinics held in the region:
- Colorado - Craig Coburn - horse score at the Aprilfest held in
- Colorado - Kelley Holly - Clinic at Peaches Arena, participants from Mile High and Golden Gate.
- Albuquerque - Mary McCormick - barrel (in the East Mountains) and horse (at Albuquerque Vaulters) clinics over one and a half days in coordination with the Blizzard Barrel Fest

Demonstrations:
- Colorado Horse Expo - 3 days of educational clinics & performances put on by Mile High Vaulters & Golden Gate Vaulters
- Mile High – Boulder County Fair, Niwot Parade
- Vaulters del Sol - Feria Encantada, a festival of New Mexico culture and traditions, in Stanley, NM. Two 45 minute horse demos to crowds of 60-70 people.
- Vaulters del Sol - Hammers and Hooves, a horse festival and blacksmith competition in Edgewood, NM. One 45 minute horse demo. (Invited back from last year).
- Vaulters del Sol - Team fundraiser and vaulting demonstration at home practice arena for local community. Four 30 min vaulting demos, pony rides, food and bake sale, sale of vaulting merchandise. Raised $500 to help the team go to Regionals and Nationals.

**Region IX Report**

**Committee Chair:** Elizabeth Brigham (President, Regional Supervisor)

**Regional Officers:** Katie Flannagan (VP), Wayne Beisecker (Treasurer), Pam DiCioccio (Secretary), Pam Fleurant (Northern Rep), Estie Thomas (Central Rep), Elise Beisecker (Southern Rep)
Committee’s 2010 Goals: Running Region IX Championships and Spirit of Vaulting, increasing memberships, Regional-level volunteers, and Region IX Pride!

Last Committee Meeting (please also attach minutes from that last meeting): July 4th at our Regional Championships

Next Anticipated Committee Meeting: September at the Great Falls/Topaz Fall Fest (Potential Exec Committee phone call before that date)

Open committee/project volunteer positions you need to fill to accomplish your goals: Region IX High Point Chair

Progress toward 2010 goals to date: We hosted a very successful USEF/AVA recognized Regional Championships the weekend of July 3-4 in Lexington, Virginia. So far this year we have also elected a new executive board, begun planning for our fall Spirit of Vaulting conference, designed and sold new Region IX t-shirts, and started redesigning our Region IX website.

What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010: We plan to hold a Spirit of Vaulting conference in November after WEG is over (a committee has already been established for this event). Other goals for the remainder of the year include setting a date for next year’s Region IX Championships, finishing the new website and getting it online, reinstating our Region IX High Point Awards (award 2010 and 2009 High Point awards), and selling more of our new t-shirts!

Any issues or problems you see: Not that I can think of 😊

Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members: Assistance getting potential 2012 Nationals dates from the Virginia Horse Center (and a list of conflicting dates that we must avoid – Young Riders, Worlds, etc.) so that our Region will know if a search committee for other facilities is necessary.

Region X Report

Committee Chair: Jane Egger, Regional Supervisor

Region X Officers: Chris Horsmon (President), Annie Rouvillois (Vice President), Beth Whillock (Secretary) and Bree Krebel (Treasurer).

Committee’s 2010 Goals: Promote vaulting in Region X with the $2,400 from the AVA.

Last Committee Meeting:

Next Anticipated Committee Meeting:

Open committee/project volunteer positions you need to fill to accomplish your goals:

Progress toward 2010 goals to date: The AVA Nationals 2009 grant for our region was allocated as follows: Promotion via a Region X website (under construction) - $200; Funding for the vaulting exhibit at the Kentucky Horse Park at the Breeds Barn - $450; Funding for transportation and horse costs for a vaulting demonstration at the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison, WI to support Nancy Stevens-Brown’s sessions and funding for booth expenses at the MN Horse Expo in Minneapolis, MN. - $800; Funding for Nancy Stevens-Brown clinic in Grand Rapids, MI - $150; Funding for fest and clinic in Grand Rapids, MI area - $400; Horse and longer training with Rainer Hilbt, German lunging expert - $400.

What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010: Launching of Region X website and Facebook Page.

Any issues or problems you see: No

Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members: No.
Safety Committee
Chair: Bob Weber.
Committee Members: I am soliciting volunteers to join the Safety Committee (people who have a strong interest in reinvigorating this committee).
Committee’s 2010 Goals: Currently developing a plan to update our articles and other written communications materials regarding Safety issues in Vaulting.

Technical Committee
Committee Chair: Kelley Holly
Committee Members: Sue Detol, Craig Coburn, Deborah Harrison, Emma Seely, Jen Williams, Toni Amoroso, Kendel Edmunds
Committee’s 2010 Goals: continue to revise rules as needed and continue the training of judges
Last Committee Meeting (please also attach minutes from that last meeting): Last Judges’ training was April 17th
Next Anticipated Committee Meeting: August 28th and 29th
Progress toward 2010 goals to date: Judges training is going well with the first two mentioned dates and the last session being the Judges Forum Scheduled for Nov. 13th and 14th
What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010: Judges Forum is Nov 13th and 14th

Therapeutic/Adaptive Vaulting: Known as ACTIV (American Counsel for Therapeutic and Interactive Vaulting)
Committee Chair: Rick Hawthorne
Committee Members: Jessica Berman, Carol Beutler, Annmarie Cory, Rick Hawthorne, Virginia Hawthorne, Kamby Kaylor, Art Rinaman, Alice Root, Kim Sinn, Pete Sinn
Committee’s 2010 Goals:
• To update Para Vaulting Novice Rules.
• Help start new vaulting programs.
• Get Para Vaulting Year End High Point System started.
Last Committee Meeting: Annual Meeting - minutes on record.
Next Anticipated Committee Meeting: The Annual Meeting – 2011
Open committee/project volunteer positions you need to fill to accomplish your goals: OPEN TO ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT "ACTIV"
Progress toward 2010 goals to date:
• To update Para Vaulting Novice Rules. Done.
• Help start new vaulting programs. 4 or 5 programs to date.
• Get Para Vaulting Year End High Point System started. Carol is working on.
What committee intends to accomplish during remainder of 2010:
• TO FINALIZE THE PARA VAULTING RULES AND THE PARA VAULTING YEAR END HIGH POINT SYSTEM AND PRESENT ALL TO THE BOARD
Any issues or problems you see: Not at this time.
Any help you need from the board, other committees, or from members: IDEAS
**Trade Shows**

*Committee Chair:* Jan Weber  
*Committee Members:* None  

**Progress toward 2010 goals to date:**

- Booth has been out about 8 times to date this year including 4 shows in CA this past month. It will return to KY through WEG.  
- Adjunct sub-committee including Mari Badger and a professional designer are working on redesigning the booth display in time for 3 events in KY. It will then go out to regions after that. The redesign will make it lighter and easier to ship, more functional, and update the display information.  
- Displays during WEG will be at KY Horse Park, in the Equine Village at WEG, and downtown Lexington at the International Festival of the Horse.

**Website**

*Committee Chair:* Eileen Jassowski  
*Committee Members:* Kendel Edmunds, Mike Jassowski, Craig Coburn, Marianne Rose, Tom Oakes, Alex Thomas, Cindy Rohr.  

**Progress to date:**

- Major technical progress: migration of website onto a different server was done with hardly a glitch!  
- Major website usability progress: consolidation of navigation for public and members only sections, improved organization and appearance of home page. Search function is now working!  
- Major content progress: major facelift of members only website, sections are filling in nicely with content as more volunteers research and write additional sections.  
- GoogleAnalytics shows a major uptick in traffic throughout the year for the public website.