Dennis Dean  
**Biography and Position Statement**

I have been involved with Appaloosa horses since 1972. I have been on some type of Appaloosa board since 1976 and have been President at one time or another of every Appaloosa organization where I have been on their Board (5 in total), and have spent nearly 30 years as a Board member of an Appaloosa organization. Most recently, I was privileged and honored to be your President during my 2006-2007 term. Aside from my Board experience, I’ve been breeding and showing Appaloosa horses for over thirty years and have been an Appaloosa Judge for 23 years. Having had the opportunity to meet Appaloosa people all over the World and to show Appaloosa across the United States I have long since determined that the Appaloosa family is where all the goodness is in the equine industry.

Today we are experiencing a multitude of problems, some directly related to the way we run our business, but most due to outside influences such as the economy. In recent years we have positioned the ApHC to be able to take advantage of opportunities that will help us to grow and re-establish us a major force in the Equine industry. However, the recent economic down turn has put most of that posturing on hold. We need to sit tight and survive the current economic environment. Now is the time for us to position and ready ourselves for the first moment that opportunity presents itself. I expect that to be somewhere between 2009 and 2010. We need to plan strategically and ready ourselves tactically so that we can move aggressively when the economic tide moves our way.

We need stability, a plan that will provide the way for the Board to move, and a commitment to achieve the plan’s objectives at all costs. This is easy to say and extremely difficult to do. It all begins with you. You can control and select those who will develop these plans and make them happen. You need to commit yourselves to determining who is best to serve the horse and the breed, and who has the knowledge and experience to effectively work for you. This assignment isn’t a casual event of our times. This is the future of the Appaloosa breed, the registry, the existence our your Appaloosa horses and the survival of the Appaloosa family as you know it. I am here to work for you and these objectives and will do all I can to make and implement the best decisions and policies available. Please help me to help make this happen.