

ABGA Today

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JABGA Regional Shows

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ABGA News

ABGA Directors are up for election in Regions 1,2 8 and 9 this year. Ballots will be distributed by May 1,2019 and must be returned by May 20, 2019. Results will be announced by June 1, 2019.

Candidates are:

Region 1: Cary Hayward, Kimberly Liefer, Kimberly Royer, and Madison (Maddie) Fenton

Region 2: Ken Baty

Region 8: Chris Shaffett and John Blackstock

Region 9: Deric Wetherell

JABGA News

Who needs \$1000 for college? If you are eligible, don't forget to get your ABGA Scholarship application and supporting documentation submitted. It must be at the ABGA Office by April 1, 2019. The ABGA Scholarship information and application can be found at <http://abga.org/jabga/jabga-programs-awards/jabga-scholarships/>

Be sure to visit the links for each **JABGA Regional Show** listed in the left column. All information will be updated as it becomes available for each show. The spring will bring excitement for the JABGA members as they show off their entries!

The **JABGA Director** election is coming up. There will be one director per region elected this year. JABGA members will vote for those candidates that reside in their region. Ballots will go out by April 1, 2019 to all members in good standing as of January 1. The ballots must be returned by May 1, 2019. The results of the election shall be announced by May 15, 2019 and terms will begin on July 1.

Here are the candidate's replies to "Why I want to be a JABGA Director":

Area 1

Rachel Burke

I want to be a JABGA Director because I want to be able to give back to the organization that has taught me so much. I started showing Boer goats through ABGA and JABGA when I was in fourth grade and I have learned so much in the years since. I have learned how to start my own show herd, how to make proper feeding programs, how to groom, how to be a good showman, how to work hard and not give up, and so many other things. Also, I met so many great people in

ABGA/JABGA National Show

June 9-14, 2019

Fonner Park
Grand Island, NE

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25th ABGA and JABGA
National Show

ABGA National Show Judges

Kathy Daves-Carr
Josh Stephans
Sammy Lerena

End Caps for Sale - \$400

Cattle Barn #17

Sheep Barn - #K, L, M, N, and O

Please contact the office if you
are interested.

Show Awards Sponsorship

If you or a business you know
would like to sponsor any show
awards, the National Show
website will have all of the show
awards listed.

Entry Information

Entries must be registered in an
ABGA herd book by June 1,
2019 at 5 pm CST to be entered
in the National Show.

Entry costs (see the National
Show rules for complete
amounts):

On-Time - received in office by
May 10 5 pm CST - ABGA \$40
JABGA \$30
JABGA B&O \$20 JABGA
Market/Commercial Doe \$40
Pairs/Groups \$10

this organization that helped me get to where I am today because they supported me and help me grow into a great showman. If I were to become a JABGA director would be able to give back and help support kids and teach them all the things I learned showing in ABGA and JABGA. I want to be able to make a difference in the association and show kids that if they work hard that they can make a difference one day too. I also believe that if I got the opportunity to be a director for JABGA it could teach me so much and help me grow into a better leader. I want to be a part of a team that has the same interests as me. That way we can work together on promoting this amazing association and help kids really learn about raising Boer goats and how JABGA can make a difference for them.

Area 2

Cecelia Knott

When I was 10 years old, I was really shy and didn't have any real hobbies or interests besides reading. My dad started researching Boer goats. We ended up buying our first four Fullblood Boer does in 2013. I showed for the first time at the 2014 McLean County Fair. I became immediately and completely hooked. Since then I have traveled the country showing. I have invested not only financially but also hard work, time, sweat, tears, and sleep! The Boer goat industry has given so much – confidence, a passion, and amazing relationships. Farm life has taught me valuable life lessons for now and the future. I am not the same person I was five years ago! Before, I would not have willingly participated in a speech contest or in a showmanship class, spoken on a microphone about how/why I would place a class of goats, or even apply to be a junior board director! I have grown greatly, and this industry is a huge part of that growth!

I would like to be considered for a JABGA Board Director role because I want to help make an impact on other youth. I want to continue to learn, but I also want to help educate people in my county, state, and country about the JABGA and the Boer goat industry. Raising livestock can change lives for the good. I get so excited seeing youth love showing and find their voice through it! I want to spread that love and passion.

Natalye Scholl

I want to be a JABGA Director for the experience. I want to teach others to love goats as much as I do, and how they have impacted my life. I am always willing to learn, and I feel that being a part of the board of directors would allow me to gain more knowledge on how others manage their goats. I also would like to meet more kids that are involved with the JABGA.

I am involved with the JABGA on the competition side but would like to get more involved with the running and decision making of the JABGA. I feel that with the experience that I have I could be a benefit to the Jr. board. I tend to be a quiet person and sometimes lack confidence when around new people. I am comfortable around others that love goats and feel that that being on the Jr. Board would help me build communication skills.

Some of the past JABGA board members are people that I look up to. They have said that being on the board had a big impact on their lives. I would like to have that same opportunity and be a person that others will look up to in the future. Please consider me for the Area 2 JABGA Board of director.

Website Show Calendar

The ABGA Calendar of Events for the sanctioned shows experienced a few issues and has been changed to a Google calendar format. Please be patient as there are features that are no longer available. If you are hosting a show, and the information listed is incorrect, please contact the office in an email with any changes.

JOB POSTING

Youth Coordinator/ Administrative Assistant

We are seeking a dedicated, competent and caring individual with strong organizational skills and multi-tasking abilities to manage a comprehensive youth development program for junior members. The Youth Coordinator acts as the team leader, providing oversight for the junior board of directors, coordinating and facilitating regional and national events, in collaboration with the office staff. An administrative assistant must be an excellent communicator with outstanding customer service skills as you will play a key role in maintaining day to day operations which supports the needs of our over eight thousand members.

Interested parties can email resumes to lary@abga.org or mail to ABGA at the address below.

Area 3

Cullen Le Roy

The JABGA gave me the opportunity to enhance my overall education in goats in general as well as Boer goats. The programs and the community that I have had exposure to have given me the inspiration and motivation to make Boer goats a part of my long-term future. If I were to become a JABGA Director, I would work hard to continue to promote the breed as well as continue to be a mentor to other members and recruit new members. As a person on the Autism spectrum, the events and programs that the JABGA offers have made me overcome fears and aspire to do more and be more. I want to be a JABGA Director so that I can help others who may have the same fears as I have and see that the JABGA is an inclusive and caring organization. I also feel that it is important for ABGA affiliates to continue to embrace the JABGA and bridge their youth with the programs that the JABGA has to offer youth across the country. I have a vision of and desire to have one large united Boer goat youth front!

Eden Basford

I want to become a Junior American Boer Goat (JABGA) director for several reasons. Let me start off by saying breeding, raising, and showing Boer goats is a passion I have grown to love, and this is an industry that I truly want to succeed. In order to be successful, I feel we need to focus on our youth as they are the future of the industry. There is much more that is involved in the industry than simply showing your animals and I want to focus on all those areas.

What I want to see in the future of the Boer goat industry is a growing meat demand for a healthier red meat. I see a profitable future on the meat production side of the industry that I feel should be educated to our youth you want a future in this industry. I would like to see the JABGA offer educational opportunities to youth on how to be productive as adults on herd management from a financial perspective as well as from a breeder/show side of raising meat goats.

Additionally, I think we need to look at the JABGA as an organization and the youth who are part of that unit. There is a financial side to keep and maintain funding to sponsor the organization as well as the youth who make the organization what it is. I want both to be successful. I have some great ideas, I am open to change, and ready to make things happen.

Area 4 - No candidates – This director will be appointed by the JABGA President with approval of the JABGA Board. If you are interested and reside in Area 4, please contact the ABGA Office.

Area 5

Lorelai Row

I want to be a JABGA Director to inspire the youth to become more involved in the JABGA and bring more kids into this industry. I want the youth to be more involved with the JABGA and hear what these kids want out of the JABGA. I want these kids to enjoy what the JABGA has offered to many members like me. The opportunities that the JABGA provides are amazing, and I want to be a JABGA Director so that I can talk to these kids and hear what they want out of the industry. The JABGA is about getting the kids involved in the Boer goat industry and giving opportunities to the youth that they can not find anywhere else. I want to inspire these kids and have fun showing their goats, because that is what the JABGA is about. I feel that the problem these days is that the kids think that showing in the JABGA is all about winning, but that is wrong. I have

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How Are We Doing?

February 2019

New Memberships: 230
Renewal Memberships: 550
Registration Transactions: 1652
Transfer Transactions: 1100

ABGA Today Sale List

If you have a Boer goat sale coming up and want the information to be included in this newsletter, please email details to wvburners@comcast.net

learned that the JABGA is about having fun and growing as an exhibitor. If elected I want to get involved with the youth and show them that the JABGA is about the opportunities and having fun showing their goats. To me the JABGA is a great association and I want to get more of the American youth involved. I want the JABGA to keep growing, and that I would like to be a part of that journey.

Clint Demmitt

My name is Clint Demmitt, and I am thankful to be a part of an organization that encourages young people to set goals and follow their dreams. That organization is the Junior American Boer Goat Association! I have been actively involved in the association for over ten years and have had the privilege to serve as a Director for Area 5 for the past three years. It is my desire to seek the position of Area 5 Director again this year. The knowledge I have gained the past three years working alongside the ABGA Board of Directors, has helped me not only improve my small herd in terms of breeding selection and feeding program, but has afforded me opportunities to help, teach and reach out to others throughout the junior industry, both in the breeding and market sector. I look forward to participating in the growth and the development of the JABGA as we strive to make the association the best ever.

ABGA / JABGA SANCTIONED SHOWS

March 2019

3/30 - [Spring Fling ABGA Show](#) - Bainbridge, GA
3/30-31 - [Spring Spectacular](#) - Greenville, TX

April 2019

4/5-7 - [Best in the West ABGA and JABGA Shows](#) - Anderson, CA
4/6-7 - [The Great Smoky Mountains Show](#) - Fletcher, NC
4/6-7 - [April Fools' Show](#) - Chehalis, WA
4/13-14 - [4th Annual Jack Talley Memorial Scholarship ABGA and JABGA Shows](#)
- Sweetwater, TX
4/26-27 - [BGANC Boer Goat Blitz](#) - Salisbury, NC
4/27-28 - [Weld County Goat Extravaganza](#) - Greeley, CO
4/27 - [Show Me Boer Spring Spectacular](#) - Sedalia, MO
4/27-28 - [11th Annual Pike Co. Diamond Classic](#) - Glenwood, AK

UPCOMING SALES

3/30 - [Purple Ribbon Showcase Boer Goat Sale](#) Sale (Bloomington, IL)
3/30 - [Maverick Show Goats](#) Montana Choice Market Goat Sale (Shepherd, MT)
4/5 - [Maverick Show Goats](#) SAKB/Maverick Show Goats (Loveland, CO)
4/6 - [Georgia Peach Production Sale](#) Annual Spring Sale (Blairsville, GA)
4/6 - [Midwest Muscle and Bone Sale](#) 5th Annual Sale (Knoxville, IA)
4/6 - [The Cowboy Classic](#) The Cowboy Classic Boer Goat Sale (Stillwater, OK)
4/6 - [Rumsey Farms Boer Goat](#) Rumsey Farms Boer Goat (Rensselaer, IN)
4/6 - [Great Smoky Mountain Sale](#) Great Smoky Mountain Sale (Fletcher, NC)
4/7 - [Best of The West Goat Sale](#) 2nd Annual Boer Goat Sale (Anderson, CA)
4/13 - [Heartland Boer Extravaganza Sale](#) Spring Sale (Lincoln, NE)
4/13 - [Keystone Goat Producers Association](#) Swing into Spring Sale (Lebanon, PA)
4/13 - [Winning Traditions](#) 12th Annual Sale (Danville, IN)
4/13 - [Splash of Color](#) Spring Boer Goat Sale (Murfreesboro, TN)
4/14 - [Top Prospect Boer Goat Sale](#) 1st Annual Production Sale (Cedar Rapids, IA)
4/20 - [Tri-State Traditions](#) Spring Sale (Franklin, IN)
4/20 - [Premier Alliance Boer Goats](#) 7th Annual Sale (Hutchinson, KS)
4/28 - [Missouri Spring Invitational](#) 6th Annual Sale (Sedalia, MO)