

Harry Elder  
Candidate for 2025 AMHA Vice President

Ft Collins, CO 80524 Age 81  
Married 63 Years to Mary Lou  
3 Children, 6 Grandchildren and 8 Great Grandchildren

**Objective: To be elected to the AMHA Executive Committee**

- Continue to promote the AMHA & work with the members to improve the day to day operation of the organization
- Maintain the highest standard for measuring the miniature horse
- Continue to develop the value of the AMHA Miniature Horse
- Communicate that AMHA has the most sought after miniature horse in the World.
- Reinforce in the minds of AMHA Members that we have the finest people, horses, and organization in the industry
- Keep AMHA members well informed
- Maintain registration at the highest level
- Ensure that all AMHA Rules, Regulation & Bylaws apply to everyone equally
- Foster involvement of directors at the local level
- Strive for a just and fair answer to every problem and for the betterment of this great organization

**AMHA History**

- Served one year as AMHA President 2012, AMHA Vice President 2023
- Served as Director - At - Large 2013 and 5 additional years.
- Served as Chairman and Co-chairman of the ByLaws and Rules&Regulation committees
- Lifetime Member of AMHA
- 37 years of experience with miniature horses through owning, showing and breeding
- Current AMHA Region #13 Director
- Former AOTE Co-Chair 2011
- Promoted AMHA via the Colorado Horse Expo for many years
- Guest speaker at the National Collegiate Horseman's Association held at Colorado State University in 2011. Spoke on the origin, care, uses, and why you should own the American Miniature Horse.
- Prior AMHA Judge
- Vice President of the Rocky Mountain Miniature Horse Club (3 years)
- Past President of the Rocky Mountain Miniature Horse Club (4 years)
- Director of the Rocky Mountain Miniature Horse Club (20 years)
- Volunteered to conduct clinics on grooming and showing halter and performance at the local level
- Assisted with running the local horse shows
- Sponsored the Rocky Mountain Miniature Horse Club Weanling Futurity Program for 6 years

**Career Highlights**

- Served as AMHA President 2012, Director- At- Large 2013, Region 13 Director for 8 years
- Served our country for 20 years in the United States Air Force
- Retired from the United States Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant
- Selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1977 sponsored by the US Jaycees for community service, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and political participation
- Owned and operated a residential and commercial glass business from 1995-2011

**Skills**

- Aggressive leader
- Positive "can do" attitude
- Unique ability to work with people
- Able to manage people effectively and fairly
- Knowledgeable about the miniature horse breed
- Organized and timely

Greetings my fellow AMHA members!

I am honored to announce my candidacy for the role of Secretary on the Executive Committee of the American Miniature Horse Association. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving AMHA in my time as a Board Member, as well as on multiple Committees.

I have been fortunate enough to sit, and serve, on committees with ASPCA/AMHR and now AMHA. I have spent the better part of 25+ years showing small equine, both with my family (who got me started) and on my own. Branching out across all divisions, and more recently focusing on developing a boutique breeding program.

In those 25 years I have seen the highest of highs and the lowest of lows that have affected the small equine industry. Now so, more than ever, I feel that it is vital to keep the amateur and youth involved. Honing our focus on membership development and how to actively engage new audiences. As our world changes around us, we too, must adapt. With the changes to come...we ensure we have leadership in positions that are prepared to lead, support our membership, uphold our rules, and most importantly care about the future of AMHA. I stand by my statement of "Change is good, if it's the right type of change"!

Outside of our miniature horse industry I work in the events and hospitality industry. Which I've dedicated a better part of my adult life to. Developing business skills, networking experience, and detail-oriented event execution. During the pandemic, while I was furloughed from hospitality, I spent a brief time assisting in Non-Profit Boards managing their budgets and assisting with their own membership related issues. A big responsibility of my day-to-day professional life is affective communication. Pristine record keeping of meeting minutes, and compelling communication is vital for our membership.

I'm extremely excited for this opportunity. I can't wait to share my ideas with the membership, and I look forward to speaking with everyone on how I can best represent you, and your voices, on a higher level. Please feel free to reach out to me. I'm happy to discuss my background further and share in the joys of our small equine with you!

With Care,

Jerred Bridges  
Executive Committee Candidate for Secretary

## **Ailene Tarap, Region 9**

I am submitting my name for re-election of the Treasurer position for the 2025 AMHA Executive Committee.

I live in Napa, Ca with my husband, Paul Tarap. We are both 5<sup>th</sup> generation Napa residents. Currently, I am a director for region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV & UT) with my term expiring in 2025.

This past year for AMHA has been challenging but with several changes we are seeing a positive outlook. In my position as Treasurer, I currently am in touch with the office daily. We have found many ways to decrease costs while having several “out of the ordinary” building maintenance costs.

Serving as your Treasurer, has given me a new appreciation of you all as members who contribute to all our day-to-day AMHA business functions. While our association is a non-profit, it is still a business that constantly needs to control expenses and revenue.

I also currently serve on the Stock Committee, one division that has lately seen the greatest growth in our Association.

On a personal level, my family is involved in the wine business, another industry that requires many checks and balances.

I have attended every World show since 2014 and support both our World show, Regional and local shows with sponsorships.

I want to continue to serve AMHA and would be pleased to again serve on the Executive Committee. I would appreciate your support and your vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ailene Tarap

# Bio - Kristina Slobody

Executive Committee - Director at Large Candidate

For those who don't know me, my name is Kristina Slobody, and I am beginning my second term as Region 1 director. I reside in West Brookfield Massachusetts with my other half Clinton Jury and our daughter, Morgan. Clinton professionally trains Miniatures and ponies at his Clear View Training Stables and travels the AMHA, AMHR and ASPC circuits from April to October. My parents - Roger and Laurie, brother- Wesley and I own and operate Sawmill River Farm. My parents began their miniature journey in the late 70's with AMHA Miniatures. I came along in the late 80's and have been participating in AMHA shows since I was 3 years old, through the youth ranks and now as an Amateur- AMHA has truly raised me. My daughter Morgan just completed her last season in 7&Under and is very grateful for all of the youth opportunities she has been afforded and friendships she has made through AMHA.

I am currently finishing out my first term on the Executive Committee in the Secretary role and I am also seated on the Licensed Officials Committee, Show Rules and the Youth Committee.

I would like to continue to serve the Association on the Executive Committee in the Director At Large position in 2025. With my knowledge of what has gone on this past year, I feel that I can be an asset and help move us forward in a positive way. I am very passionate about and supportive of AMHA and want what's best for the registry and its members.