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I have been a POAC member since the early eighties, late seventies. I first became involved with POA through Diana Peaton and her mom, Jean Kornbacher in Arizona. So you can see that POA has been my life and love for close to 50 years. I moved to Montana in 1998 and have served as president for the Montana POA club while it was in existence. I have also served as the North West Director in the past for around eight years. I have tried to represent the Northwest while balancing what is good for the POA organization as a whole. I currently serve on two national committees, the West World and the Rules. I have been on the breeders and inspector committees in the past. I have also been a national inspector for almost as long as I have been a member and I am a

member of the Hall of Fame. I have promoted many programs and awards to entice members to stay with POA. Some examples are, The Legacy Award that is given out at the convention and this last year, the special needs rider award. For these two awards I purchase and have made a special trophy. I proposed and finally got the In-hand Trail added to the futurities and then have become regular classes. To that we can add most colorful and the collaboration with Bev Tabor and John Burger to finally get a form of an adult program that has now evolved into more. I have stayed in this organization all these years because I love the ponies, the families and the friendships that can last a lifetime. We have a wonderful product in the POA, people all over recognize that. We

as members of the club and the BOD need to keep our eyes focused on promoting that product and obtaining new members, keeping the old members, gathering new ideas and acting on those that could work and to do our best to grow our club rather than maintaining it. POA is like a CO-OP owned by the members. As members, we need to be involved in our organization and given the opportunity to vote on major decisions that may change the direction of the organization, to keep it flourishing and keep it user friendly. I am a member that is active, still competes and listens to what members have to say. I would like to be able to serve again as the North West Director.