

Allen Killion, IL *Mid West Area IV*

Hello: I am Richard Killion, known to you as Allen. In 2017 I filled a one-year term on the National POAC Board of Directors. This gave me the opportunity to get very involved with issues facing the National POA club. When an issue or vote was required, I would call and email members of the Mid-West region to get opinions and perspective. My role as the director was to make an informed decision for the betterment of the club based on the responses I received.

My wife, Shannon, and I joined the Illinois POAC in 2006. In 2007 I became a state inspector answering the needs of the Illinois club. I then worked under a National inspector to meet all the requirements and became a National inspector. I have been called upon to measure and fill out paperwork for POAs that have not been registered. I have helped people hardship a POA into the organization. Some hardships were for current members and some owners became new members to POAC. I currently serve on the Inspection committee. I have also taught a couple inspection clinics to help other members learn some of the criteria of the breed.

I served on the Illinois POAC Board of Directors in 2010 for a three-year term, including two years as President. During my presidency, we hosted the Mid-West Regional at Gordyville. My duties included organizing committees to make the regional work shared by the club, supervising the working of the regional and enjoying encouraging the youth. I could greet and congratulate them working the "IN" and "Out" gate, while doing

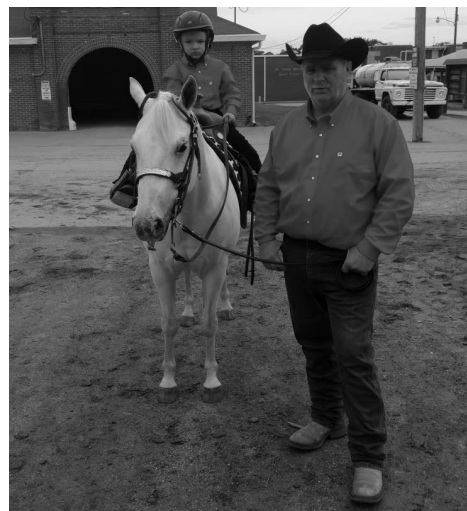
lead-line classes with my niece and watching my daughter show.

I have always stepped in and helped where I was needed to help the youth. I have been working with youth interested in horses thru 4-H for fifteen years as a leader and mentor. Each year the Mclean County horse education committee hosts a horse show for all youth and adults. This is one of my favorite events offering opportunity to encourage all from beginners to the experienced. As a committee we have put together a \$500.00 scholarship for a 4-H youth that is graduating out.

I thoroughly enjoy working with POA and 4-H youth and watching them achieve success why making life-long friends. My daughter Morgan graduated out of POAs and still enjoys showing non-pro and JPFC. She is raising her son in this great breed. He shows one of his Mom's ponies in the lead-line classes. I get the honor of being his handler in those classes.

To show you this is truly a family breed my wife enjoys showing non-pro and loves showing the babies. We have traveled many miles to attend a POA show whether it's a State, Regional, or Congress show.

Serving on the Board of Director I have become familiar with what is critical now for the immediate needs of the national club. My vision for these spotted ponies is to continue to bring out the best in our families and breed. I am dedicated to making this breed the best it can be. I am working toward these goals by serving



on the inspection committee, sale and futurity, rules committee and Congress committee for the POAC. Shannon and I are Co. chairs for the 2019 Congress. We are slowly starting a small breeding program. We had our second foal from our stallion and mare. So excited to help this organization grow one pony at a time. I am asking you to let me be your voice on the Board of Directors for the Mid-West region. If you have any questions or concern please feel free to call or email me anytime. (309)349-4588 and horsehoof39@yahoo.com

I would like to thank everyone in advance for your vote and support. Thank You!

Sincerely,
Allen Killion