

## Candidate's Statement-Kristina Bozzo-Baldenegro

To the ADGA District 8 Members,

Hi – My name is Kristina Bozzo-Baldenegro and I am one of your candidates for the two director vacancies in ADGA District 8. I am seeking your vote in this election to continue representing California - District 8 on the ADGA Board of Directors. I feel as though my livestock and business experience position me well to continue representing the membership and continue to build a stronger ADGA.

For those of you that don't know me, I am a married mother of two teenage boys and we live in the small town of Plymouth in Amador County, which is in Northern California. I was raised in Sacramento County where our herd began as my 4-H dairy goat project in 1978. I graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Agriculture Education (Agri-Business emphasis) in 1996. For the past 43 years I have been a member of ADGA (becoming a Life Member in 2006) and have been raising Alpine dairy goats under the Sweet Dreams herd name in partnership with my sister, Alison and our children. I received my first ADGA Judge's license in 1987, making this my 34th year as an ADGA Judge.

I am currently serving as one of your District 8 directors and have served on the ADGA board for seven terms. I am active on a variety of ADGA committees and have served in a variety of roles for the Association: Co-Chair of the Spotlight Sale Committee, Co-Chair Publicity/Promotional/Educational Committee, member on: Finance, National Show, National Show Colorama Sale, Linear Appraisal, Judges, Annual Meeting and Youth/4-H/FFA Projects and I have also served as member of the ADGA Executive Committee on three separate occasions. The most recent being this year serving as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and I am proud to say we have accomplished many of our goals this year; hiring our new Executive Director, hiring our new Performance Programs Manager and restarting our linear appraisal program up in a condensed form during the pandemic. The biggest problem we have had as an association this year is the computer system. The NG system has caused many members problems and many of you have had issues conducting your dairy goat association business. We realize the significant issues that NG has caused you as a dairy goat owner and we have continued to implement additional system fixes to update and correct the issues that you are having to make it more user friendly. We have all struggled to register kids, request services or add service memos, but the fixes that have been implemented and will continue to be implemented, have significantly increased our ability to do business and it will get better, that I promise.

I pride myself in having the ability to communicate openly and honestly. I will continue to have open lines of communication with you the members of District 8 and for those members outside of our district needing direction and assistance. I came up through the ranks of 4-H and was an active member during my youth and I continue to support the youth in our association and now have two of my own participating in the ADGA events both locally and statewide. The youth in ADGA have played a key role during my involvement in the association. We need to continue to encourage and support our youth members. I have eagerly contributed my time, learned skills and knowledge in a number of activities and events including youth shows, showmanship workshops, fitting contests, ADGA Scholarships, and conferences.

I am on social media and have been active in sharing information or when contacted, assisted you the member with issues, but have often times not been the first one to share information and appreciate those individuals that are able to post on social media at a more rapid rate than I can at times. I have always maintained a professional demeanor on social media as I try to set the example as to the behaviors a director and an adult should exhibit. I will always help fellow members in our association and appreciate the thanks I have received when I have been able to assist you with issues you have experienced. I have participated in and have a broad range of knowledge related to our ADGA performance programs, including; shows, linear appraisal, DHIR-production testing, national shows, national conventions, conferences, workshops, and many other local and regional events.

I have the financial experience, communication skills and life experience to serve you, the members of District 8, as a fiscally responsible and communicative director. I believe it is those skills I have gained during my nearly four decades plus years of work experience that will allow me to make sound financial decisions for the association during these hard-economic times. We in ADGA need to continue to find new ways to improve the bottom line without compromising the integrity of our registry or the services we provide to our membership.

Through my business experience, my dairy goat experience and my life experience I feel I am uniquely qualified to continue as one of your representatives as a District 8 Director for ADGA. In closing, I would appreciate your continued support in re-electing me to represent District 8 on the ADGA Board of Directors.

Please feel free to contact me with your comments or questions at [goatjudg@aol.com](mailto:goatjudg@aol.com) or call (916) 397-0540.

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