

Dear ADGA District V Members:

First of all, I would like to thank you for taking the time to mindfully consider whom you would like to have represent you on the ADGA Board of Directors. Being a part of the election process is one way you can ensure that you have a voice in the future of the American Dairy Goat Association.

My name is Laura Warren-Hughes, and I live in northwest Missouri. Dairy goats have been a huge influence in my life, starting out as a 4-Her in the mid 1980's. In 1987 I was honored by being selected as ADGA Youth Representative, at the same convention where I earned my first ADGA judge's license. I was an ADGA licensed judge from 1987-1994 and truly loved judging around the Midwest.

I took a brief break from raising dairy goats and later started my current herd in 2009. My three daughters and I have a small herd of French Alpines (and a few Saanens) under the herdname Maple Wind. We have enjoyed showing around the Midwest and attending National shows in 2010, 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2018. Our herd participates in DHIR and Linear Appraisal as often as we can, and we participate in ADGA Plus. Our herd currently numbers around 20-30 animals. I am Vice President of the Missouri Dairy Goat Association, and I serve on ADGA's Shows Committee and Youth Annual Meeting/Education Committee and have been a past member of the Judge's Committee.

In my professional life, I am a Registered Nurse and have a Master's degree in Nursing Science with an emphasis in Leadership and Management. I manage the Maternity Services department for a critical access hospital in Chillicothe, Missouri. My duties include formulating policy, hiring and orienting new staff, ensuring the smooth day-to-day operations of the department, and managing a \$1.9 million budget. I just finished serving my third term on my local school board. I am comfortable with "outside the box" thinking and have a proven track record in being accountable to others while also expecting accountability from others.

No one can deny that 2021 has been a rough year for the American Dairy Goat Association. Some of the issues are the result of our association putting off improvements or using a "band aid" approach to fixing problems, and it's good to know that these issues are being addressed and hopefully fixed for the future. I believe that ADGA's best years are yet to come—if we can balance the best of the "old ways" with an open-minded approach to new ideas. Our association needs to be accountable to its members, and the members need to feel confident that decisions made by the Executive Committee and the Directors are made with their best interests in mind. Our EC needs to be as transparent as possible in their dealings with members.

If elected as your Director, I will do my very best to represent the interests of our district's members while also ensuring that ADGA remains a strong viable registry organization. I will communicate as clearly and as transparently as possible and will also be available for questions, comments, or ideas.

I am comfortable with social media, email, and phone calls and I believe that I have the time and the desire to represent District V as a Director. Please feel free to contact me at (660) 973-2775 or by email at laurawarren1@gmail.com.

Thank you!

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