

Dear ADGA District 6 members,

Marshall Losey is seeking your vote for ADGA District VI Director

For those that do not know me, I would like to give you a brief introduction.

I am married with two adult children and four grandchildren. Two of our grandchildren have been involved in 4-H, with one still involved with dairy goats. I have been employed at our local hospital for thirty-two years, where I am the director of the cardiopulmonary department. I served on city council for over twelve years, I currently serve on the Navajo County Fair Board as secretary and am superintendent over the open livestock division at our county fair. My wife (Trudy) and I volunteer and manage our local 501c3 senior center/food bank.

I am a lifetime member of ADGA and have been raising dairy goats for over thirty-five years in Winslow, Arizona. My original herd name was MWL, then changed to M's Sagebrush Acres and then shortened that to M's Sagebrush. What started out as a 4-H project has grown into a lifelong passion for not only dairy goats but also for dairy goat products and industry. I currently serve on the ADGA Linear Appraisal, Genetic Advancement and Reproductive Technology committees and am Chair for the Breed Standards Committee. Our herd participates in Linear Appraisal and DHIR when able, as well as a few shows in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. I have attended every ADGA Annual Meeting and Convention for at least the last twenty years and have witnessed many changes in ADGA. I very well remember a time before computers when pedigree information on animals in my herd was handwritten in ledgers and all registration/correspondence was sent via postal mail.

This last year has presented numerous challenges for both ADGA as well as its membership and has forced us to look into new ways of doing business, through the use of technology and virtual meetings. At this time last year, we were excited and enthusiastic about the possibility of a new, more functional and more user-friendly ADGA website. At the 2019 ADGA Meeting, a demonstration was provided for the membership to have a peak at the new programming. Then again in late 2020, there was another presentation provided that showed the new and improved capabilities and everything appeared to be on track for a launch in early 2021. There were some concerns discovered that pushed the original launch date back for several weeks and then all appeared to be ready for NG (Next Generation) to go live on February 19, 2021. Soon after the data conversion, it became apparent that the years and years of patches/fixes to the old ROSS System were creating havoc with the data conversion and that there was MUCH more work to be done, before all would go smoothly. Unfortunately, we were not able to "go back" and so the **AMAZING STAFF, INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS** and programmers began the enormous task of working through this "perfect storm" situation. This, combined with a world-wide pandemic and numerous employee turnover, set the stage for a very tumultuous year for

ADGA and membership. I'm happy to report that MUCH progress has been made since the initial launch and every day, noted issues are being resolved. I am however aware that there are still many issues, members that are not able to access their accounts, missing paperwork and such. I am truly sorry that this has happened, but I have absolute faith that ADGA will get these issues resolved and will continue to make the necessary, proactive improvements and upgrades, so that we never find ourselves in this position again.

As one of your District VI Directors, I am committed and take this responsibility very seriously. I do my best to communicate information and provide resources for any questions that I don't have answers to. I fully understand that working as a team will get much accomplished but I'm certainly not afraid to speak up, when needed.

Throughout my tenure in ADGA , municipal government and executive leadership positions, I have gained much knowledge and experience that I bring to the role of ADGA District VI Director and I would appreciate your vote of support.

Sincerely,

Marshall Losey