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I would like to thank you for your confidence and support in nominating me for re-election to the director position here in district II. I have proudly represented the district for several years and I would be happy to have the opportunity to continue. This is one of the aspects that I enjoy most in this goat hobby I am so involved in. Many of you are familiar with me from my many years of traveling throughout the district attending meetings, showing or judging at the various shows and fairs, or attending any of the other various goat related events. I own a 55 acre farm in Cowlesville, NY.....a small town in western NY, just east of Buffalo. My "real" job is as a corrections officer for the NYSDOCCS in Attica, NY. I maintain a well-bred and successful herd of alpines, lamanchas and nubians which total about 40 in number and are registered under the "Brookwood" and "Bittersweet" herdnames. My family and I have been breeding and raising registered dairy goats since 1970 and in that period of time we have participated in and greatly benefited from all the programs ADGA offers including registration, shows, classification/linear appraisal, production testing, spotlight sale and sire development. I have held a lifetime membership in ADGA for many years and am a tenured ADGA judge with well over 30 years experience. My Brookwood herd was recently awarded "Herd of Distinction" status by ADGA.

Early on in the 50+ years that I have been raising dairy goats, I participated in the 4-H program. 4-H provided me with a strong foundation from which I continue to benefit from even today. I was instrumental in creating a 4-H program in Erie county, have served for many years on the NYS Youth Advisory committee, have worked with and encouraged youth at various fairs, clinics and events on the local, state, national and international levels, volunteer regularly at the Cornell Caprine Outing and have authored a section for the cornell goat project handbook. I have judged youth showmanship several times at the national show. I continue to enjoy working with the many youth at all levels at the various shows and educational events.

Having held a continuous judging license since 1990, I have been tenured for several years now. I have thoroughly enjoyed traveling throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand on my assignments. These travels have afforded me the opportunity to meet many interesting and wonderful people. Most of you are aware that I am very active in all the local, state, national and international organizations, programs, committees and breed clubs. I have served as your NYSDGBA president for most of the last 25 years. I have served on many of ADGA's committees over the years and have been the Awards committee chair for the last 15 years. I have attended every ADGA convention since 1989 and most national shows since 1988. I was the local host chairman of the successful ADGA convention that we hosted here in Buffalo, NY in 2009. I will once again serve as the local host chairman of the convention that we will be hosting in Syracuse next year. I have judged several ADGA national shows as well as the National shows in both Canada and Mexico. Over the years I have helped to organize and lead several Judges' TC's and Pre-Judges TC in the area. We are planning one later this summer at Cornell. I have also traveled to Mexico to teach Judges' training to the local breeders there and to Australia where I was able to assist in the initial importation of the very first lamanchas to that continent.

Over the period of time that I have served as the director in this district, I have tried my best to act as an intermediary between ADGA and the membership. Mainly using email and social media I have kept you up to date on the events and shows happening in the district as well as keeping you all informed of all the news and information that I feel might be of interest to you. Many of you have been contacting me with questions and problems you are having with ADGA, especially this year with the issues we are all having with the NG mess. I hope I have been helpful in answering your questions, solving your problems or pointing you in the right direction to get them resolved. I, just like you, own and raise dairy goats and deal with them on a daily basis. Because I have my own herd I have the same needs and concerns that you do. I remain available at any time.....whether its through email, social media, texts or if you see me out and about, to talk and discuss any ideas or issues you may have.

Obviously 2020 and 2021 have been years of frustration for all of us. No shows, meetings or other events in 2020 due to covid. We were excited about the rollout of the NG program at ADGA in 2021. Unfortunately, that did not happen like we had all anticipated and created a huge mess for us all. I know it was extremely frustrating for all of us! We now have an enthusiastic staff at ADGA with the new executive director, performance programs manager and the new office manager and things are looking up as they, along with a great and dedicated staff, are doing their best to deal with the backlog as we emerge from the chaos that resulted from that. I have been involved with ADGA for many years and we have gone through many ups and downs, many changes, and dealt with other big issues time after time. I like to look at the big picture and understand that we WILL get through this and emerge as an association that is able to efficiently serve its' members, remain as progressive as the other livestock registries, follow its' mission statement, continue with its' reorganizational plan, and be an association that we will all be proud to be a part of.

All of the many years of involvement, participation and accomplishments with dairy goats and ADGA has given me a great insight as to where we have been, where we are right now, and where we need to head in the future for a better and more successful ADGA. As I have always remained loyal to ADGA and an advocate for dairy goats, I have strived to keep its' best interest in mind. I pledge to the members of district II, and all of ADGA, an honest and common sense approach to make this the most successful and respected livestock organization not only for today, but for the future as well. Having been endorsed by the NFDGA and the NYSDGGBA, I would greatly appreciate your support and vote as the director from district II.

Sincerely,

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If you would like to learn more about my "story" and my herd history you can find it all on the home page of my website. www.brookwoodlamanchas.com