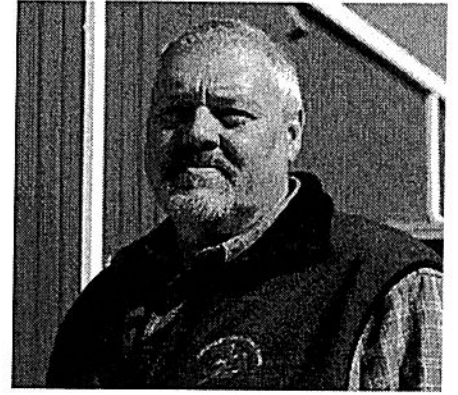


June 28, 2021

Dear Members of District II,



I am honored and humbled to be nominated for the opportunity to serve as your ADGA District II Director. Dairy goats and the American Dairy Goat Association have been, and continue to be, a very important part of my life. I began with my first dairy goat in 1972 as a 4H member, soon after joined the association, and am now a Life Member.

I earned my first ADGA Judges License in 1987, and became an Advanced Judge in 2001. Next year will be my 35th year as an ADGA judge. Judging has allowed me the opportunity to travel not only throughout the US, but to New Zealand and South America as well. I became an ADGA Linear Appraiser in 2011, a position which I still hold today.

Throughout the years I have been on many ADGA committees including National Show, Linear Appraisal, Type, Judges, Judges Training, Advanced Judges, Spotlight Sale, and I am a former Chair of the Youth committee.

My experiences with dairy goats and other livestock led me to earn college degrees in Animal Husbandry, Dairy Science and Education. I spent nearly 20 years teaching in the public school system. I also had the opportunity to work as an Adjunct Professor at SUNY Cobleskill teaching both Introductory and Advanced level classes in Livestock Judging and Evaluation. Those years working in the education system have provided me experience in working with budgets, grants, and the value of teamwork.

ADGA is going through a time of major change. Experience, commitment, and teamwork will be essential for a successful future. If elected I will work to the best of my ability to help improve communication, represent the wishes of the members, and the improvement and sustainability of our association. We can make a difference if we work together. Communication must be open, honest, and forthcoming.

Thank you for your time, and please take a moment to fill out and mail your ballot today. I truly appreciate your support, and please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Robert (Bob) A. Bartholomew, Jr