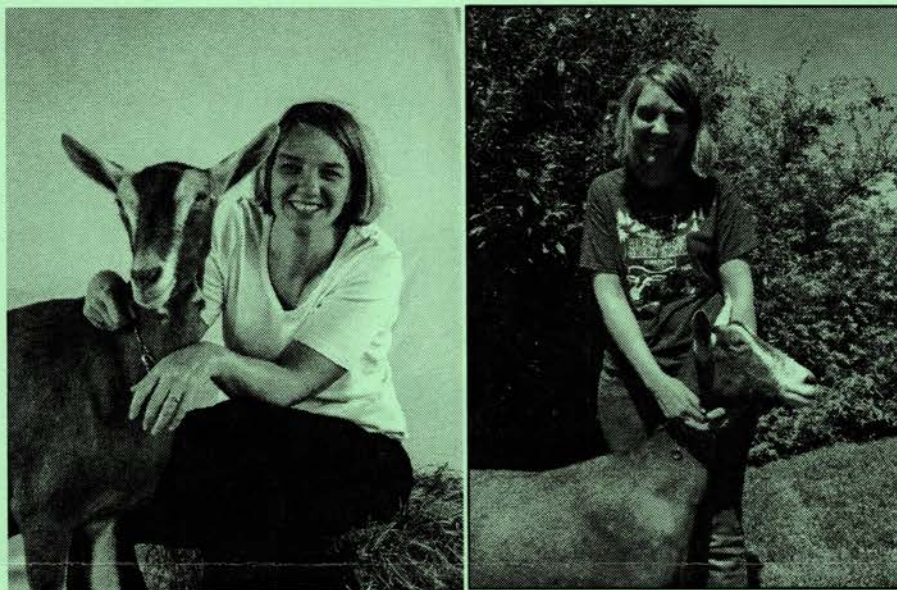


## Greetings to all ADGA District 4 Members!

I hope you all are enjoying the summer and have found some time to appreciate your goats, whether it includes getting to some shows, finding new ways to make use of the bounty of summer milk through cheese, soap, or ice cream making, or simply gazing at your herds out in the pasture. I love seeing more of my goat friends during the summer months, especially as the frenetic period of the spring kidding season gives way to a somewhat reduced workload after weaning and fair time looms and promises a different kind of chaos.

For those of you that don't know me, my name is Anna Thompson Hajdik, and I am running for re-election as one of your District IV directors. My parents, Doug and Mary Thompson acquired their first goats in 1970. I came along about a decade later. The photo albums chronicling my childhood include many snapshots out in the kid pasture, at goat shows, or doing my best to help with chores. All these years later, I'm so grateful to have had a 'farm kid' childhood and I cherish every moment my daughter and nieces get to spend on the family farm.



I have raised Toggenburgs under the 'Legendairy' herd name since 1988 and assist in the management and care of my sister Emily's "Kara Kahl" herd of French Alpines. Our parents, Doug and Mary, remain the backbone of our operation residing on the farm in southeastern Minnesota. I live with my husband Jason and daughter Daisy in Madison, Wisconsin, but make frequent trips to the farm. When I'm not at the farm or talking goats with fellow goat friends, I teach English and Film Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

I am running for re-election as one of your District IV Directors because I feel I can continue to make valuable contributions to the association and serve the membership effectively. Although the rollout of the NG computer system in the spring of 2020 has

been an exercise in frustration and endless patience for the membership, I have done my best to assist many of you navigate it and find solutions when possible. I pride myself on my responsiveness, and even if I can't find the answer to a given question or concern from a member, I do my best to find a path forward. Make no mistake that we still have a long way to go in resolving many of the issues with this technology, but with the hiring of Lori Reynolds as our Association Manager, and some of the new office procedures she has implemented, I truly believe that the roughest waters are behind ADGA, and smoother sailing lies ahead. Additional plans to hire a senior accountant should enhance and stabilize the routine operations in the ADGA office and take some pressure off of our hardworking all-volunteer ADGA Executive Committee. All that being said, if you are dealing with an issue related to missing papers, are trying to locate information related to an ADGA service, or have a membership-related question, don't hesitate to reach out.

Looking ahead to the future, it is actually a really exciting time to be a dairy goat breeder and a member of ADGA! Our association continues to grow as does the consumer demand for dairy goat products. I am particularly interested in broadening the appeal of ADGA membership to a wider audience, especially commercial producers and support reduced membership and registration fees for this contingent of our industry. In Wisconsin (the dairy goat capital of the nation), we have an active state association and numerous commercial dairies, but there remains a sizable portion of producers who have not yet realized the benefits of ADGA membership. I am committed to doing more to communicate the benefits of ADGA services and programs to the commercial industry.

Furthermore, many of our current ADGA members also support their herds with fluid milk sales, goat milk soap, lotion, confections, or a range of meat products. My goat friends amaze me in their creativity, ingenuity, and entrepreneurial skills. I remain committed to developing a stand-alone platform linked to the ADGA website that is dedicated to "Promoting the Goat" and the benefits of goat products to the public and I am hopeful this can be implemented once NG is fully functional.

Serving as the Vice President of the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association, the co-chair of the ADGA Judges Training Conference committee, past chair of the ADGA Publicity and Promotional committee, and as a member of various other ADGA committees, including Shows and Awards has equipped me with the leadership experience necessary to be an engaged and thoughtful voice for you all. I believe in transparency to any decision-making process, and I encourage informed dialogue among the membership on any number of issues whether they are mundane or controversial.

I would love your support and your vote. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or comments about my background, experience, or additional goals for ADGA. My email address is [anna.thompson.hajdik@gmail.com](mailto:anna.thompson.hajdik@gmail.com) and my phone number is 608-371-7297. You can also find me on Facebook and get in touch by FB Messenger.

**Thank You!**