



Hello OAQHA members!

January 28<sup>th</sup> was our annual convention, this year for the first time held at the new Omni in downtown OKC. The venue was really fantastic and the awards dinner and Hall of Fame were truly a night to remember. I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Alexandra Strom and I am honored to have been named the new president of the OAQHA. I'd also like to introduce the rest of our officers: 1st Vice President Lindsay Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Monica Parduhn, Secretary/Treasurer Alice Holmes, and Immediate Past President Dr. Kimberly Roark. Joining us are the rest of the board of directors: Courtney Battison, Victoria Corbin, Buzz Haltom, Libby Hanon, Jesilyn McCarroll Belcher, Trina McCarroll, Shelley Presley, Vicki Tebow, Whitney Unkefer and Norma White. Karen Torrice is a board member with the OQHA and is a past president of the OAQHA, with whom she left an indelible mark. Additionally, Karen is our Amateur Liaison to the OQHA board. I am so grateful for everyone's contributions and counsel as I look forward to the next two years as president.

We look forward to carrying on the tradition of holding our annual events, "A Day at the Races" at Remington Park, and our Level 1 show in the Fall. We are also committed to offering our support to other OQHA events throughout the year, carrying on our tradition of holding clinics, and are feeling passionate about the opportunity to outreach to cross-disciplined events and organizations that may bring us more visibility and value as a group. Shortly, I will be scheduling an organizational meeting with our board members, to synchronize our efforts toward meeting our goals.

In my opinion, we have a really great and motivated team of individuals ready to collaborate on our goals as an association, and we are excited to have put together some great committees to achieve our vision. We welcome input, guidance and any help you would like to give. I am deeply looking forward to the next year, and can't wait to see what the results of our commitment are. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve.

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