



## North American Shagya Arabian Society

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Dear Mr. Al Samarraie and ISG BOD,

It has been 2 1/2 months since I updated you regarding NASS. We recently had an election and I was waiting until we had final results before informing you of our progress.

As I wrote you in late August, the NASS BoD had sent out a mailing to its members informing them of the decision to pursue the change in tax status through the NASS Corporation, and also to conduct elections for 2 Regional Directors. Following the election of 2 new Regional Directors (Kathy Richkind for the Rocky Mountain Region and Jamie Buck for the Eastern Region), the NASS held its annual meeting in Mid September via conference call. Lori Baker was chosen as the new NASS President, and long-time Vice-President Gwyn Davis remains in that office. At that time the specific proposals regarding the desired tax status changes were explained to the membership. Our attorney, Mr. Huse, had advised us that in order to legally change our tax status it would be necessary to conduct a membership vote in which 2/3 of a quorum must approve this change, and this information was introduced at this meeting. In addition, normal business was conducted and there was a question-and-answer session as well.

Following the annual meeting, NASS sent out (via US mail) ballots to our 72 voting members. (Our total membership is 95, 72 of which are voting members; in order to be a voting member; a person must be current on dues payment and own at least one NASS-registered horse.) Each member was sent a postcard ballot which they could return to a designated NASS member who would (anonymously) tally the votes. I am pleased to report that approximately 1/2 of our members participated in this election, and the final vote was 30 YES and 4 NO. So, the proposal passed overwhelmingly, and now the NASS attorney can proceed with the modifications to NASS's tax status.

Meanwhile, all of the various NASS committees are proceeding forth with their work. The website is being continually updated, the Breeding Committee is working on the finalization of the NASS Studbook and of the Stallion Performance regulations, another issue of the Shagya News has been published, etc. Additionally, NASS is placing the attached ad for the Shagya breed in the US Equestrian magazine, which has a circulation of 80,000 in America. As you can see, we were able to use some wonderful photos of Shagyas in action provided by several ISG folks!

I hope this letter gives you an accurate overview of recent NASS activities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Carin Weiss wrote me a few weeks ago and expressed concern about what was going on with NASS, based upon correspondence which she had received, for example. Please feel free to ask me about any specific complaints or allegations which you have received regarding NASS, and I will be happy to respond.

We are excited to hear about the upcoming plans for the annual Delegates' Conference at Topolcianky and other ISG projects!

Sincerely yours,

Adele Furby, ISG Liaison for the NASS Board of Directors