

# Barbe Smith

Louisiana

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Candidate Name: Barbe Smith

State of Residence **Louisiana**

Provide a short bio (250 words or less) to be used in election materials or introductions.

I have operated Cascade Stables INC since its inception in Murfreesboro, Tennessee in 1977. Cascade Stables relocated to Audubon Park in 1981. We have been the major riding Academy in New Orleans teaching Saddle Seat riding running the stables in Audubon Park since 1981. Cascade Stables has hosted multiple World Cup and US Saddle Seat Association events with participants coming from all over the United States, South Africa, Canada and Namibia.

National Board Positions:

- United Professional Horseman's Association Executive Board Member from 2015- 2019
- United Professional Horseman's Association Equitation Committee Member since 2000.
- United Professional Horseman's Association Chapter 6/7 Chairman 2005-2015
- United States Equestrian Federation World Cup Committee Co- Chair 2001-2022
- Member of the United States Equestrian Federation Equitation Committee Member 2000-2024
- Cascade Stables became a USEF Elite Training Center in August of 2015, this has only been awarded to 8 Saddle Seat Riding Stables across the United States.
- International Saddle Seat Equitation Association President 2022-present; board member 2018-2022.
- United States Saddle Seat Association President 2020- present.

National Awards:

- Helen K. Crabtree Equitation Hall of Fame Award Recipient in 2011
- Lillian Shively Equitation Distinguished Service Award Recipient in 2019
- ASHBA Gordon Jenkins International Award Recipient in 2023
- UPHA Chapter 6/7 Horseperson of the Year: 1996

Personal Accomplishments:

- United States Equestrian Federation World Cup Coach in 2010
- United States Equestrian Federation World Cup Coach in 2017
- United States Equestrian Federation Licensed Judge 1985- present: I have judged our World's Championship Horse Show twice, along with every national final offered for Saddle Seat Equitation riding.

New Orleans Rider Accomplishments:

I have coached riders over the years to go on and win world and national accolades such as:

- Bridget Dugan: World Champion
- John Paul Dorgniac: Reserve World Champion
- Kristen Nielsen: UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup National Champion
- Victoria McHenry: UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup Reserve National Champion/ Pleasure Equitation Olympics Gold Medalist, World Cup Team Member
- Lauren McMichael- Saddle & Bridle Equitation Medallion National

Champion, Pleasure Equitation Olympics Gold Medalist, UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup National Champion, World Cup Team Member

- William Nalty- World Champion and World Cup Team Member
- Anne Pateman- Reserve World Champion, Pleasure Equitation Olympics Silver Medalist, UPHA Adult Challenge Cup Reserve National Champion, World Cup Team Member
- Joan Benjamin- National Champion, UPHA Adult Challenge Cup National Champion, USEF Adult Medal Finals Bronze Medalist, World Cup Team Member
- Harper Breaux- UPHA Junior Challenge Cup National Champion, United States Saddle Seat Association team member competing in the United States and South Africa
- Emerson Keeley- United States Saddle Seat Association team member competing in South Africa
- Zoe Garbin- Reserve World Champion
- Christopher Molony- UPHA Exceptional Challenge Cup National and Reserve National Champion
- Liam Curran- UPHA Exceptional Challenge Cup National and Reserve National Champion

Professional Experience (check all that apply)

Business Owner

Education/Teaching

Sales/Retail

Customer Service

Training/Instruction/Facilitation

Number of years in the American Saddlebred industry:

45

How I participate in the American Saddlebred industry (check all that apply)

Owner

Trainer

Exhibitor

Breeder

Committees/Councils/Volunteer (including local charter clubs, horse shows, etc.)

My greatest contributions to the American Saddlebred industry include (please list up to three statements):

1. Creating the United States Saddle Seat Association
2. Introducing thousands of children and adults to the American Saddlebred through our vast lesson program
3. Promoting Saddle Seat riding and the American Saddlebred through or international invitational competitions and World Cup.

I want to be on the ASHBA Board of Directors because?

1. To promote our breed for many years to come. The only way for our industry to stay alive and thrive is to continue to introduce people to the American Saddlebred and bring new people into this industry.

What I would like to accomplish most for the breed is:

I would love to see our breed come together. We are stronger together than apart.

Please upload one professional photo (non-horse)

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barbe touching horse.jpeg  
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I certify that the above information is correct and I understand the information I entered on this form will be unedited and shared with the ASHBA membership. In addition, I am willing to be included in the election process for the Board of Directors and I am willing to serve as a Director if elected.