

Letter from The Paso Fino Horse Association *President*



Although many things have changed and improved in three years, I find, as I enter the last year of my Presidency, that much of the old thinking about our Association has not changed. But change is needed and will eventually take place in order for the PFHA rise to another level or it will fail. This will take place under my Presidency or someone else's. Of course change does take time and courage. But while we all attempt to improve and advance the PFHA, I will repeat a portion of the letter published in the December 2011 issue of the PASO FINO HORSE WORLD, because when all is said and done

Without Members, We Have No Association

Now, it is my priority to take on the difficult task of boosting our membership. To be successful, this goal requires everyone's good intentions and steadfast participation. I hear some say, "What does the Association do for me?" The most important achievement is the fact that **it exists**. It, in turn, shows that **we exist**.

Without the PFHA, we have no organization to communicate, gather, and register our horses. We have no nationally visible point of contact for anyone looking to learn about our breed or contact members in our country. I say to all: If the Association in your opinion is not doing anything for you, consider your membership fee a donation and an insurance investment for the day that you may need to rely on the PFHA. After all, the \$55.00 membership fee is less than the cost of two trips to McDonalds for a family of four. Isn't that small amount a good investment in the horse you love and enjoy for competition and entertainment? There might come a time that you say, "Someone should have done something," and there is no one there to do it.

As I end this letter, I would like to quote Steve Jobs from his Stanford University speech of June 12, 2005, in which he said, ".....**don't be trapped by dogma-which is living with the results of other people's thinking.**" I aspire for the PFHA that we move forward seeking successes following our own best thinking. We need to be open minded to uncover strategies for a better future and stand as a cohesive group for the good of all.

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The Mission of the Paso Fino Horse Association is to protect and maintain the integrity of the Registry, and the natural characteristics and heritage of the Paso Fino horse; promote and enhance the appeal and versatility of the Paso Fino horse; and provide and support member services.

- While we govern... Let's remember to...
- Promote the Paso Fino Horse
- Benefit Both Recreational and Show Interests
- Serve Both the National and Regional Needs
- Foster the Blending of Cultural Interests
- Govern by the Board of Directors ... Guided by the Executive Committee
- Serve and Respect our Members