



THE VOICE OF AGS



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AGS OFFICE NOTES

The AGS office will be busy preparing for the conversion to new registry management software and other upgrades that should help provide improved services to the membership. The office will be replacing two of our three desk top computers, upgrading and networking the computers, upgrading and switching internet service provider, and upgrading credit card processing. This will be in addition to implementing the new management software and training our employee and volunteers to use the new software and equipment. Although this process may initially delay some member services, in the long run these upgrades will greatly benefit the membership and allow us to provide more efficient service. We ask for your patience and understanding during this process. We look forward to providing even better service in the future.



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Important Notes

AGS Membership Dues

AGS Membership Dues run from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Early renewals (Oct 1-Dec 31).

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| Individual----- | \$20 (\$15) |
| Junior----- | \$10 (\$5) |
| Senior----- | \$15 (\$10) |
| Family----- | \$30 (\$25) |
| Life----- | \$200 |

BYLAWS BALLOT

If you are a current Individual, Senior or Life Member, or you are part of a family membership (one vote) you should find a ballot inserted in this issue of the VOICE. Please read over the ballot carefully, record your vote and return promptly to the address on the ballot. Junior members are not eligible to vote and should not have a ballot inserted in their VOICE.

EARLY RENEWAL DISCOUNT

Members that renew early for 2015 will receive a \$5 discount off your 2015 dues. You must be current for 2014 in order to receive this discount and you must have your renewal postmarked no later than December 31st, 2014.

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| Spring—January 31 | Summer— April 30 |
| Fall— July 31 | Winter— October 31 |

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Director Election Results

District 1

Laura Whitlock 32*
Logan Myer 1

District 2

Michelle Fugate 26*

District 3

William Kowalik 35*

District 4

Jennifer Parrish 29*
Dawn Birr 1

District 5

Gene Boring 18*

Director at Large

Gayle Nelson 140*
Kate Helms 1
Tim Flickinger 1

* Winning candidate

1749 ballots prepared and mailed, 154 ballots received by tabulator, 147 counted, 7 were not opened or counted because they did not include name and return address.

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2014 American Goat Society Annual Meeting

October 9, 2014 – Hampton Inn & Suites - Jackson Coliseum, Jackson, MS

Present: Directors Heather Fair D5, William Kowalik D3, Audrey Kowalik DAL, Connie Planche D2, Mitzi Cowart D3, Jamie Gaskin D3, Gayle Nelson DAL

Absent: Directors Eileen Gerdes D1, Laura Whitlock D1, Michelle Fugate D2, Lora Mae Fugate D4, Jennifer Parrish D4, Gene Boring D5.

1. Welcome. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.
2. Appointment of meeting secretary/parliamentarian - Amy will serve as meeting secretary. Director W. Kowalik will serve as parliamentarian.
3. Announcements – no announcements
4. Seating of New Directors – Laura Whitlock and Jennifer Parrish. Director W. Kowalik moved that we seat the new directors Director Fair 2nd. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED
5. Quorum. It was determined that a quorum was present.
6. Minutes of 2013 annual meeting were read and reviewed. Director A. Kowalik made a motion that we accept the meeting minutes as written Director Planche 2nd. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED
7. The office manager presented her report including current financial status, registration and membership data, monthly financial reports from January through July 2014 and Inventory. Director Fair motioned that we accept the report as written Director Cowart 2nd. ALL IN FAVOR
8. Awards committee – Director Nelson read the committee report which included recommendations for the Lincoln Doe Awards. The following does are awarded Lincoln Doe awards and their owners will be sent certificates and monetary awards: (Nigerians) 1st place to Chenango Hills IP Goddess 10*D, 2nd place to Chenango Hills Bouncy Trixie 6*D, 3rd place to Willow Moon Farm Calypso *D; (Nubians) 1st place to Dorsey Lane Columbia 3rd, 2nd place to Dorsey Lane Angelina 3*D, 3rd place to Flanders Creek Virginia 4*D. No other breeds had verification reports. Director Planche moved that we accept the committee report and award the recommended awards, Director Cowart 2nd. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED
9. Breeds/Registrations/AI/ET committee – No committee report provided. Director A. Kowalik, a committee member, informed the board about some of the issues discussed by the committee throughout the year. Board discussion ensued about the origin of green eyes in the Nigerian breed and what if any changed needed to be made to breed standard. No action was taken. Committee is to continue discussion and present any finding/recommendations to the board during the upcoming year.
10. Budget Committee- Director A. Kowalik presented the committee report which included a recommendation that the price of Official Measuring Device be adjusted to cover the ever increasing cost of shipping the device to customers. The committee recommended that we change the price of measuring devices from the current \$40 (which includes shipping) to \$35 plus actual postage cost. This lead to some discussion regarding increases in overall postage costs. The issue of postage costs will be discussed under new business. Director W. Kowalik made the motion to approve the report as written, Director Fair 2nd ALL IN FAVOR MOTION PASSED
11. Bylaws – no report /no action required
12. Complaint & Arbitration – no activity in the past year/no action required.
13. DHI – Director Nelson presented the DHI report. The committee has been discussing the possibility of a top 10 for herds on owner sampler test and the issue of does being listed more than once on current top 10 one day

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list when they have completed more than one test during the same year. The committee clarified the rules on one day test and will continue discussion on the possibility of a top 10 for OS. The report also included the number of herds on the various types of milk tests and number of goats on test. Office Manager stated she would send information regarding income from the DHI program since it was not included in this report.

14. Election/Nomination – Results of the recent election were presented. Newly elected/reelected are: Laura Whitlock D1, Michelle Fugate D2, William Kowalik D3, Jennifer Parrish D4, Gene Boring D5, Gayle Nelson DAL: It was noted that alternate forms of voting will be discussed in new business.

15. Historian – Director Nelson presented the committee report. The board briefly reviewed a CD prepared by Shae Tebbets as a committee member, which includes all old issues of the VOICE and News Dispatch in the History Committee files. This CD contains the archives of all available previous newsletters in a searchable pdf format. The directors expressed their appreciation for the considerable time that went into scanning all the old files and preparing this CD. Director W. Kowalik will review the office archives for issues of the newsletters that may not have been included and send them, if any, to the committee for inclusion in this project. Future plans include scanning the year book archives and possibly other old documents so that AGS has a digital archive. Director Planche moved that copies of this disc be made available to members for a fee of \$5 plus shipping once it's completed, Director Gaskin 2nd. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED

16. Judges committee/Classification – no report, no action required. Related issue regarding Classification will be discussed in new business.

17. National Show Committee: No report was given. The committee will be directed to continue with the task of re-vamping the National Show Rules and Procedures in a timely manner so that any proposals may be based on current rules and procedures.

18. Public Relations/Products Committee/Public Awareness Committee – No report, No action required. It was mentioned by Director W. Kowalik that AGS is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the opening of the AGS herd book for the Nigerian Dwarf this year. It was also mentioned that both ADGA and NDGA based their herd books upon this AGS herd book.

19. Publications Committee–No report, No action required. Director W. Kowalik did provide information on tasks he is working on regarding publications. The 2014 Roster was just recently mailed. The fall issue of the VOICE which will contain the minutes from Convention will go out very shortly once he returns home from Convention. The new version of the Member's Hand Book must be mailed in October in accordance to AGS guidelines. It was also re-stated that we are now only mailing two issues of the VOICE each year while two additional issues will only be available via the AGS website.

20. Scholarship Committee – The committee report was presented and additional information was provided by the Office Manager regarding her concerns about recipients not following through once scholarships are awarded. The committee recommended that Breanna Page from New Hampshire be awarded the AGS Educational Scholarship and that Nicholas Boring from California, be awarded the John Howland Educational Scholarship. Director Planche moved that we accept the committee report and award the scholarships, Director A. Kowalik 2nd. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED. Director Cowart moved that we send recipients letters of award stating that they have 60 days from the notification date to return the necessary information to the office in order to receive their scholarship funds. If these requirements are not met then the scholarship will be forfeited. Director Gaskin 2nd. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED. Office staff shared information about a letter received from a former recipient thanking AGS for assisting him with the cost of an education allowing him to achieve his career goals.

21. Show Rules Committee – no report, no action required

Youth - no report, no action required

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Old Business

23. Postal ballots – The results of the postal ballots voted on by the board in the past year were presented for ratification. Director Planche moved that we ratify the postal ballots. Director Cowart 2nd ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED

IRS Non Profit Status – IRS has approved AGS filing as a 501(c) 5 while we await final approval of our not for profit (agriculture) status.

12:39pm break

12:51pm reconvened

New Business

Director Election Costs – Office Manager presented information from two online voting sites and related costs of conducting online director elections. Office staff shared information on the considerable time it takes to prepare paper ballots and the significant costs involved especially considering the poor return rate on completed ballots. Only 147 out of 1749 ballots were returned in the 2014 Director Elections. It is believed, based on public research on the issue, that AGS can reduce costs while increasing voter participation if we switch Director Elections to an online voting process using a commercially available format. Some discussion ensued about why members fail to return ballots and how we can improve voter response. The board is in favor of going to online balloting for the 2015 Director Elections. A Bylaw change would need to be approved by members to allow for this form of voting.

Current wording in AGS Bylaws:

Article IV Board of Directors

Section 3. ELECTION AND TERM. Directors shall be elected annually by postal ballot by the membership. The terms of service shall be as follows: District Directors from each of five (5) electoral districts shall serve for two (2) years, with half elected each year. Three (3) Directors-at-Large shall serve three (3) years, with one (1) elected each year.

Proposed wording with change:

Article IV Board of Directors

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The proposed change would remove the wording *by postal ballot*. This change would allow AGS to conduct online director elections but would not preclude the possibility of reverting back to paper ballots in the future if warranted. Changing the wording in this section does not affect any other portion of the Bylaws. In particular, this wording change would not change the Bylaw requirements under Article VII AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS.

Director Fair moved that we strike the term “by postal ballot” from the line: *Directors shall be elected annually by postal ballot by the membership*. The new wording of that sentence in the AGS Bylaws would read:

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Directors shall be elected annually by the membership. Director Planche 2nd. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED. Proposed change must now be presented to members at general membership meeting and then presented to all voting members of AGS. If approved by 2/3 of voting members the change will be made in the AGS Bylaws to allow for online director elections starting next year.

1:45 pm lunch break

Meeting reconvenes at 3:21 pm

Office Software Update – Director W. Kowalik updated the board on where we are at with the impending switch to new office registry software and the plan to switch to new accounting software specifically designed for not for profit corporations. At least one director presented member concerns about the length of time it is taking to get the new software and the services it will enable up and running. William stated he wanted to make sure we were completely ready to roll out those new services rather than have the office be overwhelmed if there are unforeseen problems on startup. The plan is that testing of new services should begin in January. As previously shared with the general membership via the VOICE, the office will be closed for roughly one week when we switch over to the new software. This will allow time for installation, training and testing. No registrations, transfers or other member services will be available during this week. Members will be notified via the website and if possible, the VOICE, on when this closure will occur.

Office Computer Replacement – Director W. Kowalik and the Office Manager discussed the need to replace the one HP computer currently in use. The current computer has problems with the operating system and updating has not improved performance. William stated we have not had issues with our Dell computers and recommended we replace the current HP with a new Dell. The new office management software requires Windows 7 Professional operating system so that also limits the number of available vendors. A current sales flyer from Dell Small Office showing the office recommended replacement was made available. Director Planche moved that we purchase a computer from Dell with a spending limit of \$600. Director Cowart 2nd ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED

Credit Card Acceptance – Office Manager provided information regarding recent problems with our credit card processing machine and potential replacement. Hardware issues with the current machine and new credit card technology that will be replacing magnetic strip cards may influence any decision on how AGS accepts credit card payments. The best option may be for the office to switch to virtual terminals. The Board directed the Office Manager to do more research on the best options/features and present her findings to the board for further discussion and vote.

Classifiers – Director W. Kowalik presented for discussion issues concerning the AGS Classification service. Within the last two years we had five classifiers and now we are down to three with one no longer traveling to do classifications. William stated that it is sad that the service is in the current situation considering that Classification predates ADGA's linear appraisal program and that the original intent of classification was whole herd evaluation and not just random sampling as it is now. The difficulty of gaining new classifiers, the need for more classifiers and possible changes to classifier requirements were all discussed. The board will send a directive to the Judges/Classification committee to develop new guidelines and requirements for Classifiers in the hope that we can get some new Classifiers and revive the program.

4:23 break

4:35 reconvene

Redistricting – According to the AGS Bylaws:

Article IX MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 2. REDISTRICTING

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Redistricting shall be done not more than every three years and only if there is more than a 20% difference in the number of any two or more Districts.

Since it has been more than 5 years since we have done redistricting and there is indeed a greater than 20% difference (in membership) of two or more districts, the board will address the issue of redistricting. The board basically reviewed two options that would address the district membership disparity issue. Director Planche moved that we adopt redistricting option A which will directly affect members the following states: Ohio will move from District 2 to District 4; Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming will move from District 4 to District 5. Director Cowart 2nd
ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED

Executive Session starts 5:06pm – Executive Session ends 5:43pm

Officer Elections

Gayle Nelson was elected president by vote of Acclimation

William Kowalik was elected vice president by vote of Acclimation.

Heather Fair was elected Secretary by vote of Acclimation

Connie Planche was elected Treasurer by vote of Acclimation

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm until the general membership meeting tomorrow after the youth show.

Thursday, October 10, 2014

6:45 pm

The General Membership Meeting was called to order in the Goat Barn at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. It was determined that a quorum of AGS members was present. Every member present was given a full copy of the AGS Board Meeting minutes prior to the start of the general membership meeting. AGS Secretary, Heather Fair shared highlights from the Board meeting with the assistance of Gayle Nelson (President) and William Kowalik (Vice President). Special attention was paid to the proposed Bylaws change. After the proposed change was read, Director Cowart moved that we approve the proposed change to the AGS Bylaws, Member Nadia Jarreau 2nd. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED. The Bylaw change approved by the Board and the members present for the general membership will now be sent to all eligible members for a vote. If approved by 2/3 of members voting, the Bylaws will be changed to reflect the new wording. Director Fair asked if there were any other questions, comments or concerns and none were voiced. Director Planche moved that we adjourn the meeting until Convention next year. Director Cowart 2nd. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED After closing the meeting, there was a drawing for door prizes including a prepaid Visa card, Starbucks and Bed Bath & Beyond gift cards, Texaco/Shell gas card, Starbucks cards and mini flashlights donated by Director W. Kowalik and a box of fudge from Alaska donated by Director Fair.

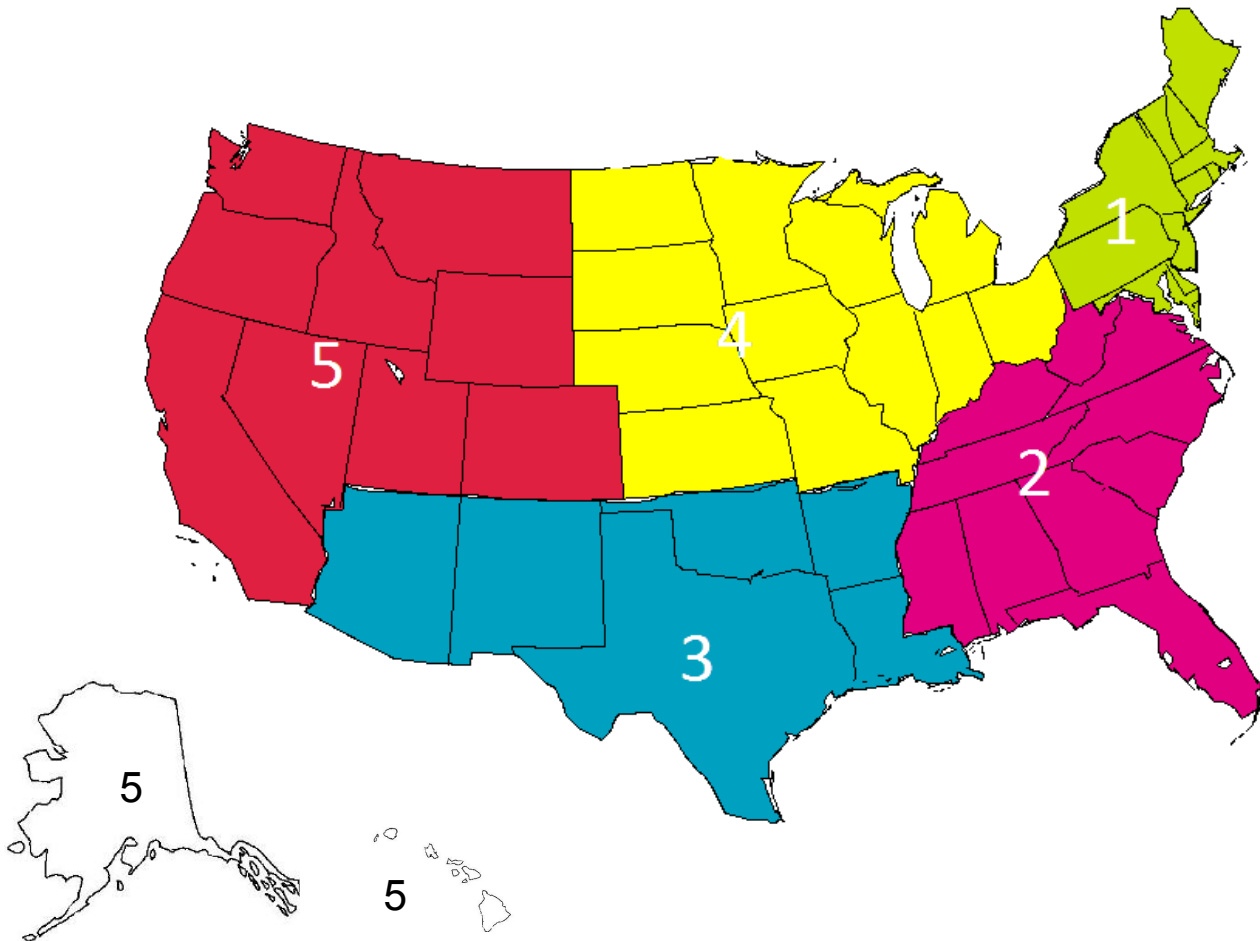
From the Office Manager

Hello all, hope this letter finds you well. Most of you have probably wrapped up your kidding seasons and are already working on breeding plans for the future. We wish you luck in the New Year with many healthy bouncing babies. We have just returned from convention and are trying to catch up on work after being closed for a week. Make sure you check out the meeting minutes from convention to keep yourself updated on the society. Please make sure you read and take time to participate by voting on the ballot included in this VOICE. Please remember to RENEW your membership early for 2015. Current members who renew now receive a \$5 discount off their dues. Take care and be well. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

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New AGS Districts

It has been more than five years since AGS has revised directorial districts. The AGS Bylaws require the Board to revise districts whenever there is greater than 20% difference (in membership) of two or more districts. Since both criteria for redistricting were met, the board addressed the issue of redistricting at Convention this year. The board basically reviewed two options that would address the district membership disparity issue. The board unanimously approved redistricting option A which will directly affect members the following states: Ohio will move from District 2 to District 4; Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming will move from District 4 to District 5. In making these changes the Board considered both actual membership numbers and changing trends in membership over the last few years.



District 1- Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

District 2- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

District 3- Arkansas, Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

District 4- Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, *Ohio*, South Dakota, Wisconsin

District 5- Alaska, California, *Colorado*, Hawaii, *Idaho*, *Montana*, Nevada, Oregon, *Utah*, Washington, *Wyoming*

Members that live in states above marked in bold italics are now located in a new district.

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Quick Notes



Due to ever increasing postage costs, the price of the official measuring device will no longer include free shipping. As of November 1st AGS is dropping the price of the measuring device from \$40 to \$35 but we will no longer include free shipping. The new price is \$35 plus the actual priority mail postage fee to ship to your address. Just a few years ago we could ship anywhere in the country for under four dollars. With the most recent USPS price increase, we have paid as much as \$10 to ship this same item. AGS strives to keep prices for our products and services as affordable as possible and we regret that we had to make this change to prevent the society from losing money on each sale.

The American Goat Society has awarded two scholarships for 2014. Breanna Page from New Hampshire has been awarded the AGS Educational Scholarship. Nicholas Boring from California, has been awarded the John Howland Educational Scholarship. The two recipients will receive \$500 each.

The Board has also adopted new guidelines for scholarship acceptance. Starting with this year, recipients will be sent a letter of award stating that they have 60 days from the notification date to return the necessary information to the office in order to receive their scholarship funds. If these requirements are not met then the scholarship will be forfeited.

If you would like to apply for a future scholarship, please see the enclosed scholarship application in this issue of the VOICE.



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GOODWOOD SERIF with Kathy Claps
of Goodwood Nigerian Dwarf Goats

AGS is celebrating 30 years of registering the Nigerian Dwarf breed of dairy goat. AGS approved a breed standard and opened a herd book for the Nigerian in 1984. This herd book was used by NDGA as a basis for their herd book in 1996. More than two decades after AGS first registered the Nigerian Dwarf, ADGA opened a herd book, once again it was based on the AGS herd book. To date AGS has registered nearly 80,000 Nigerian Dwarf goats. The ND has long been the primary breed registered by AGS and in 2004 it surpassed the Nubian breed for the largest herd book in AGS. AGS is proud to have served as the home of the Nigerian Dwarf for three decades and we look forward to continuing to serve the breed and its keepers for many years to come.



AGS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

AGS currently offers two scholarships each year to two qualified applicants. They are the AGS Educational Scholarship and the John Howland Scholarship. The awards are in the amount of \$500 each at present.

Requirements for application are:

1. Currently a regular or junior member of AGS; child, or grandchild of an AGS member. Or member is the legal guardian of the applicant. Dues must be paid by February 1st of the calendar year you are applying for scholarship.
2. Senior in high school or enrolled in an accredited university, college or trade school.
3. The qualifying member will have maintained membership in AGS for at least two consecutive years.
4. A grade point average of 3.0 or better must be maintained by the student each year in order to reapply for the AGS scholarship. Scholarship is limited to a maximum of 4 years.
5. **Submit an essay describing your experiences with dairy goats. Indicate what you have done, learned, and any awards or personal rewards you have gained.**
6. **Submit two letters of reference.**
7. **Applicant must submit a current course transcript either from your current course list, your last semester completed or last grade completed.**

Applications are individually scored by the members of the Scholarship Committee. The highest score receives the scholarship. In the event of a tie, the committee members vote to determine the recipient. Scoring is done as follows:

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| Experiences in dairy goat project & activities | 35% |
| Experiences in leadership | 25% |
| Experiences not goat related | 20% |
| Academic performance | 10% |
| Neatness & organization of application | <u>10%</u> |
| | 100% |

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____

Email _____ College _____

Complete College Address _____

College GPA/Year (if applicable) _____

High school Attended _____

High school Address _____

High school GPA _____ Class Rank _____ out of _____

SAT Score _____ or ACT Score _____

Intended Major or Area of Interest _____

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ON A SEPERATE SHEET OF PAPER

List any leadership positions inside or outside of school

List Community Service or Charitable Activities you have been in involved in

Why and to what use do you plan to use the scholarship if it is awarded to you.

Write an essay describing your experiences with dairy goats, Indicate what you have done, learned, and any awards or personal awards you have gained.

ALL MATERIALS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO-
American Goat Society, Inc., P.O.Box 63748, Pipe Creek, TX 78063
The application must be postmarked prior to **May 1st** of the year applying

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Members!! It's time to Nominate Directors for 2015 Elections NOW.

Part of the appeal of AGS is that the members DO have a direct voice in who represents them at the Board of Directors meetings where AGS rules/policies/member concerns are all addressed.

Now is the time to give it some thought and nominate members that you want to represent your voice.

If you don't participate in the nomination or election of directors thinking it doesn't matter either way or that the one you are for will win anyway, please remember that one vote can make a difference in who will represent you, AND incumbents will not automatically be on the ballot unless they are in the top two qualified nominees

Be heard by AGS, **NOMINATE** now and **VOTE** in the election.

Each year the term expires of one the directors in **YOUR** district. One Director at Large term will expire. Now is the time to start thinking of who you want to nominate to run for those positions. Anyone nominated must have their 2015 membership fees paid by Jan 1, 2015 and have been a member of AGS for the previous three full years. **MAY 1** is the deadline for nominations to be postmarked in order for them to be counted. Election ballots are determined by the two qualified names receiving the highest number of nominations for the position.

Members are limited to ONE ballot. You may nominate any member for Director at Large. District Director must be from your district. **Cast your vote in your district only**

District 1- Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

District 2- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

District 3- Arkansas, Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

District 4- Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, **Ohio**, South Dakota, Wisconsin

District 5- Alaska, California, **Colorado**, Hawaii, **Idaho**, **Montana**, Nevada, Oregon, **Utah**, Washington, **Wyoming**

Director terms expiring in 2015:

Director at Large: Audrey Kowalik

District 1: Eileen Gerdes

District 2: Connie Planche

District 3: Mitzi Cowart

District 4: Lora Mae Fugate

District 5: Heather Fair

Ballots should be mailed to and will be tabulated by:

Please mark envelope with the word **BALLOT**

Sara Foster

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Boerne, TX 78006

Take part in AGS-NOMINATE- one of those that will be going out of office or another member-but NOMINATE. Remember, INCUMBENTS need your nomination if you want them to be on the ballot

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Ballot to Nominate Directors

I nominate _____ for Director at Large.

I nominate _____ for Director/District _____

Signature _____ District _____

Printed Name _____

Cut off at dotted line and mail to: **Sara Foster, PO Box 1000, Boerne, TX 78006** to be postmarked no later than **May 1, 2015**.

Be sure to put your name and return address on the envelope for member verification check.

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Is the recommended tattoo letter for 2014

We're on the web:

www.americangoatsociety.com

Announcements List

In order to further communication between AGS and its members, AGS has an Announcements only e-mail group. This list is used by the AGS Board and the AGS Office to distribute information in the most timely, concise manner possible to the membership. The Announcements list provides direct information from the Board to the membership. If you wish to receive this free service you must request membership through the link below. Please, make sure to include your membership name with your request so we can confirm that only AGS members are included on the list. **Current news and workload processing times are available at the bottom of the home page on our website.**

You can subscribe to the list at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AGSAnnouncements>