

Hello fellow members of the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society,

My name is Levi D Hawkins-Himmelrick, owner of Storm Gypsy Vanners of Arab Alabama. I have been a lifetime member of the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society since 2013. During my time with the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society, I have been on the Advisory Committee, Nominations Committee, and as of recently, the Region 1 Representative. I showed extensively at breed level from 2013 until 2018. I took some time off from showing and just recently started showing again in 2024. And now, I am asking for your support in becoming a Board of Director for the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society.

My current occupation is a Quality Assurance Representative for the Department of the Army. I oversee three government contract, seven locations, and over two thousand contractors. My job is policies and procedures and to ensure that those policies and procedures in place are being followed. I am a subject matter expert in regulations with a strong background in ethics. I also ensure that all standard operating procedures are in line with all Army regulations. This would make me a prime candidate to become a board member for the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society.

Outside my occupation I am also the Vice President of North Central Alabama Saddle Club Association, which is a member of the Alabama Open Horsemanship Association. In my association, there are three saddle clubs that I reside over. It is within this organization that I can showcase the Gypsy Vanner horse and the versatility of the breed with those who are not familiar with the Gypsy Vanner horse through showing and conducting clinics within my organization.

During my time of owning Gypsy Vanner horses, I became very knowledgeable of the breed, the breed standard, and the history of this amazing breed. I have sat down with the founder of the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society at Gypsy Gold when I first became a gypsy Vanner owner to help understand the breed and the breed characteristics. Since that time, I had also reached out to the breeders in the United Kingdom and Ireland to give me insight to the rich history of this breed. I have studied the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, Code of Ethics, and the general rules and have a very good understanding of all the documents.

I believe that my qualifications are exactly what we need in the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society. My goal for this organization is to ensure that members voices are heard, procedures are being followed, transparency, and an open-door policy. The Gypsy Vanner Horse Society will always be my registry of choice.

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