

## April Region 5 Message

The deadline for Participating Member Delegate and Youth Executive Board nominations is April 15. If you are nominated, you must return the acceptance to USDF by April 15. This will be a very important convention, as we will be electing a new President.

The deadline for nominations for USDF President, USDF Treasurer, and Regional Directors in Regions 2, 4, 6 and 8 is June 1. Nominations for USDF President, Treasurer, and Regional Directors can also be heard from the floor of the Board of Governors meeting at convention.

USDF implementing the budget constraints passed at the convention. You can read more detail on the USDF website, in the news section that has a link to our January conference call. Over the past twelve months USDF reduced the number of USDF Director Positions by two: Sally Davenport – Director of Sport Horse Karin Glassman – Director of Education Programs. Over the past two months USDF reduced in house staff by four positions and reduced ad sales reps by one and brought that function in house.

US Equestrian Dressage Committee members, each to serve a four-year term beginning in March 2009 have been selected: Sam Barish, Hilary Clayton, Lisa Gorretta, Lendon Gray, Hilda Gurney, Veronica Holt, Sandy Howard, Marianne Ludwig, Janine Malone, George Williams, Lois Yukins, Michael Barisone, Carol Lavell, Guenter Seidel, Lisa Wilcox, Jayne Ayers, Janet Foy, Lloyd Landkamer, Axel Steiner.

Our region 5 FEI Junior and Young Rider teams will need to travel to Kentucky this year, and that means additional expenses. If you would like to contribute or help in our fundraising efforts, please contact Susan Rudman, Region 5 JR/YR FEI coordinator, her email is [sewrunred@msn.com](mailto:sewrunred@msn.com).

Happy Riding!  
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