

The USDF convention is just around the corner and it's going to be a whole new experience with our first virtual convention!! Since it is free for all USDF members to attend, I hope that more of you are able to join us. Be sure to check the convention schedule when it is published and attend the Region 5 meeting, along with the Board of Governors and learn more about how your USDF works. The information and schedule will be posted at www.usdf.org/Convention/.

Your Participating Member Delegates to the USDF Convention for 2020 are Joan Clay, Cecilia Cox, Sarah Lindsten, Kay Lorenzen, and Sarah Martin. These ladies will be representing our Region during the voting portions of the Board of Governors meetings, in addition to representatives from each GMO. Please feel free to contact them regarding your viewpoints – their contact information can be found at <https://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/delegates.asp>.

In October, we will have the USDF Region 5 Jr/YR clinic with George Williams at Reverie Farms. Thank you very much to Nancy and Jeff Davis for the donation of your lovely facility for this clinic. Congratulations to the ladies who were selected to ride: Gaylen Davis, Charlotte Dunn, Gabrielle Hibbert, Meghan Kelleghan, Emma Lavin, Nadine Lurz, Elizabeth Petersen, and Olivia Williams. It's great to see more depth forming in our youth for Region 5 again!

As sad as it was to have to cancel the USDF Region 5 Championships and the US Dressage Finals, I hope many of you are starting to plan for next year's shows and championships. They will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico at HIPICO Santa Fe September 16-19, 2021. We look forward to seeing you there as competitors, volunteers, sponsors and spectators!! Fingers crossed that we have a more normal world next year.

Till next month!
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