



REGIONAL DIRECTOR APPLICATION FORM

Also available on NCHA Website under Home/About/Our Leaders/Directors for online submittals.

Dear 2026 NCHA Regional Director Applicants,

As required by the NCHA Constitution and Bylaws, those persons desiring to serve as a NCHA Regional Director shall complete a Regional Director application form and return the completed form to the Executive Director 90 days before the Regional Director Election in order for the Nominee to be eligible for the Regional Director Election. In accordance with Article V, Section One, (e) (ii) - Nominees for all Regional Directors shall complete a Regional Director application form and return the completed form to the Executive Director 90 days before the Regional Director Election in order for the Nominee to be eligible for the Regional Director Election. Nominee forms should be distributed to specific region directors 60 days ahead of Regional Director Election. Nominations from the group of candidates qualified for the Regional Director Election shall be taken from the floor of certain special regional nominating committee meetings (held during the annual meeting of the Directors) by the Directors and the Life Directors of any Region with respect to which a vacancy shall exist in a Regional Director position. Such special regional nominating committee meetings shall be conducted and supervised by the officers of the Association. Voting shall be by show of hands, or, upon the request of any Director or Life Director from such Region, by written ballot. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes from the Directors and Life Directors resident in such Region shall become such Region's Regional Director and shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee. The application form must be received in the NCHA Office by March 21, 2026.

All 2026 NCHA Regional Director applicants must give consent by returning this form in order for their name to be placed on the election ballot. Active campaigning based on issues to encourage NCHA growth and development is encouraged. Elections will be held at the annual convention during the Regional Meetings as deemed necessary with any upcoming Regional Director vacancies on the Executive Committee.

NCHA Regional Director election is an opportunity to furnish biographical information, a head shot photograph (encouraged) and to campaign as to why you desire to serve the NCHA in a Regional Director Position. This information will be published on the NCHA website for membership review 60 days prior to said annual convention.

I hereby agree my name may be placed in nomination for election as a NCHA Regional Director. If elected, I agree to fulfill my duties on the Executive Committee as set forth in its current Constitution and Bylaws. I have been a member of NCHA for at least three (3) years, am twenty-one (21) years of age or older and have not been convicted of a felony.

Name: Lewis H. Wray

Address: 276 Bend Lane

City: Russellville State: AR Zip: 72802

Email address: lewiswray@centurytel.net

Phone: 479-858-2461

Do you give permission for voters to contact you by email? _____ By Phone?

My NCHA Membership is carried in the state of ARKANSAS Region 6 Area 14

Member # 5044101 Membership years: 48

Have you served as a NCHA Director: Yes: _____ No.

If Yes, how many years did you serve? 19

Year most recent term expired: Life Time

Your role as a NCHA member - Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trainer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-competing member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Professional | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breeder |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amateur | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stallion Owner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekend Competitor |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Producer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aged Event Competitor |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Officer or Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner |

Why do you want to serve the NCHA in a Regional Director position and what do you want to accomplish?

See attached document

What do you feel should be the most important issue addressed by the leadership of NCHA at this present time?

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NCHA Experience (Competing, serving as a Director, serving an affiliate, on a committee, etc.):

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Your vision of how and what the NCHA can do to sustain and grow membership:

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Explain how you would represent the Directors in your region/ area?

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Additional information you would like to share for election consideration:

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"During his or her term of service, any member of the Executive Committee who misses two consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee shall be immediately terminated as a member of the Executive Committee unless the Executive Committee member has been granted an excused absence with respect to any such meeting by the President. The President may grant excused absences for illness or other emergency or other good cause, as determined in the President's sole discretion. In no event may a person be elected to serve as a member of the Executive Committee for more than two consecutive three year terms, or for more than eight consecutive years."

Do you understand the term length for the position you have applied for and the importance of completing the entire term?

Yes No

"A Director's term of service will be terminated immediately if the Director serves as an Officer or Director of an organization which either has affiliates or is affiliated with an organization using in its name the words "cutting horse" and which is not affiliated with the Association."

Do you understand that you may not serve as an Officer or Director of any other organization or association which may use the words "cutting horse" in its name and which is not affiliated with the Association?

Yes No

Name Lewis H. Wray NCHA Member # 5044101

Lewis H. Wray Lewis H. Wray
Signature Printed Name

This form must be received in the NCHA office by close of business on March 21, 2026.

Email to Executive Director c/o: Cathy Marie Aleff at: caleff@nchacutting.com

Or US Mail: NCHA
Regional Director Application Form – Cathy Marie Aleff
260 Bailey Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76107

PLEASE attach a headshot photograph to be published on the NCHA website for membership to review during Regional Director Elections.

Responsibility for receipt of this form lies with sender.

Question 1 – Represent to the best of my ability the Directors and the membership of Region 6.

Question 2 – The most important issue is to improve the education and avenue, to enhance members a path to go to the Herd. Basically ways for participation in our sport.

Question 3 – NCHA Past President, Interim Director, Affiliate President, EC Member Region 6, Chair Amateur Comm, Competing Weekend and LAE – Show Producer NCHA Triple Crown 2017/2018, World Show Finals and AROKCHA Affiliate.

Question 4 – To sustain growth, we must get our sport in front of a multitude of views by using major outlets. Also, work with other associations in conjunction with their equine events.

Question 5 – Represent by being the voice for the Directors and membership of Region 6 within the structure of the Executive Committee.

Question 6 – See attachment

Lewis Wray

If selected:

1. I will be very transparent and here is how I will accomplish this:

- a. We will have a conference call with the Region 6 directors before each EC meeting to get your opinions on each item on the agenda.**
- b. We will also have a call after the EC meeting to discuss what was done.**

2. Growth of Region 6:

I will do my best to improve an avenue to enhance new members' participation in our sport.

- a. I would like to have four demonstrations in each state within Region 6.**
- b. Use our free memberships to have people actually ride to the herd at our weekend shows.**

3. We must make our Membership Card worth something.

If selected, I have the energy and the time to represent you, plus I am available to you 24/7.

I need your vote.

Thank you,

Lewis Wray

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Goal

Secure a position on the Cutting Horse Association Executive Committee

2019 Interim Executive Director
National Cutting Horse Association
Fort Worth, TX

2004 – 2017

Equine Educational Compliance Instructor for State of Arkansas

1969 – 2004

Russellville Public Schools

Served Primarily as Assistant Football Coach

Served as Assistant Principal

Served as Work Study Director

Supervisor and Classroom Teacher in Special Education

Served as Assistant Baseball and Track Coach

1966 – 2002

U. S. Army Reserves – LT COL (Ret)

CAGS Command School MS

Education:

University of Central Arkansas

Master of Science in Physical Education

Master of Science in Special Education

24 Additional Hours in Admin

Arkansas Tech University

Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

Skills:

Lewis H. Wray, a native of Rogers, AR, graduated from Rogers High School, where he was an outstanding student athlete, went on to the University of Arkansas and later transferred to Arkansas Tech where he played football and received his BS from Arkansas Tech, and two MS from the University of Central Arkansas

To start his career in the world of athletics, he was a football coach in the Russellville, Arkansas, public school system. He coached for 38 years, plus holding various other coaching in baseball and track positions, served as an Assistant Principal and Work Study Director for the system. During those years they won several state and district championships. Wray was also selected as the National AFLAC High School Assistant Coach of the year. He was selected to Russellville Athletic Hall Fame.

Wray also spent 36 years in the United States Army both active and as a member of the Army Reserves where he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was the Chief of Supply Services for Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. During this time frame, Wray supervised 25 full time employees and an additional 6 thousand troops.

After retiring from both coaching and the military he joined the Arkansas Department of Agriculture as an assistant the Head of Field Operations, He served as an instructor for the equine compliance division where he also taught courses for the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission in the areas regarding rules and regulations, plus age and source verification of cattle. He also worked within the public relations area at conventions for ALPC and the AAD.

During 2017/2018, Wray serves as President of the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) by taking over the leadership of the largest equine performance group. The NCHA promotes and celebrates the cutting horse that originally started on the western ranches to support ranching and its western heritage. The NCHA has affiliates (Clubs) through out the United States and these countries Australia, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland. This is one equine event that horse must think on its own to perform. When American Cowboys of the 1800's began using their horses to separate individual cows from a herd, it was part of the daily

job. They would never have imagined cutting as one of the world's most popular equine sports. Each year thousands of cutting events go on from Fort Worth, TX, to Australia. The total purses for these NCHA events exceed \$36 million annually. Our members compete from 5 years of age to eighty plus. Yet for many of our members cutting's greatest rewards are intangible. The bond between people and their horses that makes the sport so special, it also links it to the Old West and sets it apart from all other equine events.

Served as Interim Executive Director 2019 based in Fort Worth, TX

Wray hosts a Podcast radio show, "Horse Talk", with others representing U of A Extension, a journalist for AQHA, Quarter Horse News, and other equine disciplines, a veterinarian, and other special guests.

Wray has a long list of contributions to the industry. He has memberships, received honors, and contributed to community, state, and national organizations: ATU Letterman's "T" Club, Russellville High School Coaches Hall of Fame, AFLAC National Assistant Coach of the Year, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, First United Methodist Church, Board of Directors for AR High School Rodeo and AR State Horse Show Association, American Quarter Horse Association State Director, Farm Bureau Horse Council, AR and National Cattlemen Assoc., AR Forage and Grasslands Council, National Beef Cattle Association, National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA), NCHA Chairman of Amateur and Hall of Fame Committees, NCHA Affiliate President and National Affiliate of the Year, NCHA State Director and Regional Member Executive Board, NCHA Vice-President, President-Elect, and 2017-18 President.

Wray has always had a longing to return to his roots from his background in the equine industry. He and his wife (Kay) own and operate Wray's 66 Ranch, where they raise America Quarter Horses. He has served on numerous equine and cattle stakeholder committees for both the Arkansas Tech University and the University of Arkansas. Wray was married for over fifty-seven years to Kay Pledger Wray. They have two sons, Hunter, Complex Manager for Tyson's Berry Street Plant in Springdale, AR, and Scott, a Cutting Horse Trainer for over 22 years now with local business (JimKnight Inc). I am a grandfather to five grand children, Tinley Kay, Paisley Ann, Hadley, Baxley and Max Wray.

Honors:

University of Arkansas Department of Animal Science Friend of the
Department

Rogers High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Russellville High School Coaches Hall of Fame

National Cutting Horse Members Hall of Fame

Honorary Committee Member of Rodeo of the Ozarks

Honored by City of Fort Worth for NCHA Futurity

President of Affiliate of the Year for NCHA

AFLAC Assistant Coach of the Year