



MSCA 2022 Nominating Committee Members

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Daniel Robinson, MSCA Director at Large A

Please share a brief biography. *Please share information about yourself, your family, lifestyle, farm, ranch, livestock, training, education, profession, honors, and awards.*

I live on a small family farm in Southern Virginia with his family raising Boer and Kiko goats. I grew up as an army brat and worked several different farms all over the world. After High school, I attended and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with a BS in Systems Engineering served as an Army officer, and then got my MBA from the Melbourne Business School in Australia. I have worked with companies for the last 18 years, reorganizing IT departments from large fortune 500 companies to small non-profits farm animal auctions. I recently founded and launched ByreBarn.com. ByreBarn is the world's first online farm animal auction that makes farm-to-farm animal sales more convenient, more secure, and healthier for the animals and their handlers.

Why do you want to serve on the Maremma Sheepdog Club of America Board of Directors?

Dan and Debbie have raised and bred Maremmas for the last 3 years on their farm. The breed saved their farm after successfully solving the growing SE Virginia coyote problem. The three years prior to getting their Maremma there had been multiple predation losses of his goats.

Maremma Sheepdog Experience and Statement of Commitment to the Breed.

Please highlight your aspirations for the breed and your experience with the Maremma Sheepdog. How many years have you been involved with the breed?

I have been involved with the breed for over three years and are expecting their first litter this year. I have successfully imported Maremmas to increase the genetic diversity on the East Coast of the US. I have raised and trained various dogs breeds including Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Belgian Malinois on our farms but was so impressed with the abilities of the Maremmas that I started using them on the farm.

What business/administrative experience do you have that will be helpful for the board position you are applying for?

- US Army Field Artillery Officer responsible for maintaining over \$40 million worth of equipment and 1500 soldiers' lives
- Been reorganizing and training leadership multiple at Fortune 500 companies for the last 18 years
- Master of Business Administration from the Melbourne Business School in Australia
- Led or helped manage several non-profit organizations including: Sussex County (Virginia) Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit livestock auction and several Military Veteran support organizations

Statement of Purpose.

What will you contribute to the organization, members, and Maremma Sheepdogs?

I want to ensure the breed is continually able to maintain their livestock guardian ability for future generations. I also want a modernized online presence with easier interactions with our members.

What is your vision for the future of the MSCA?

Keeping the Maremma sheepdog as a farm-focused LGD. A modern online presence so that our members can effectively interact with the MSCA leadership.

Please list your top 3 priorities/achievements for the MSCA for your term in office.

- Website and online presence up to date.
- Keep the Maremma breed an effective livestock guardian
- Ensure faster responses to the membership for all MSCA operations, including registrations, payments and concerns.