

An APHA member since 1992, Monika Hagen from Haldenwang, Bavaria, Germany, is a lifelong Paint Horse breeder and exhibitor, an APHA Professional Horsewoman and current member of APHA's Board of Directors.

For the past three decades, Monika has owned, raised, and showed Paint Horses with the support of her husband Georg and children. In 1995, she spotted her first Paint Horse stallion, Hesa Tiny Paycheck, in a pen full of Quarter Horses in Canada. She imported him to Germany and began breeding Paints.

Throughout Monika's career—as a breeder, exhibitor, instructor, trainer, youth coach, and manager of SQ Quality Horses—she imported hundreds of horses from the U.S. and Canada. She also bred more than 100 registered Paints who have gone on to successful careers in the show pen and out on the trail. Monika, her family and customers have earned numerous titles at German and European events.

Monika's experience in association leadership began in 2000, when she was elected as a regional leader in Paint Horse Club Germany, APHA's largest international affiliate with approximately 1,500 members. She served as president of PHCG for four years, and during that time managed the European Paint Horse Championship which has grown to become the largest APHA-approved show in the world. Following her election as an APHA state director, Monika joined the International Advisory Committee, and served as chair for four years, before moving to the Breed Integrity Advisory Committee.

Since elected to the Board in 2021, Monika has served as the BOD Liaison to the Breed Integrity, Long Range Planning and now Professional Horseman Advisory Committees. She takes great pride in representing international members, discussing vital Association issues with an open mind, and taking part in a democratic governance process to lead APHA towards a successful future.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manager, Stossberg Quality Horses	1990–present
Breeding high-quality American Paint Horses, training, lessons and sales. Produced more than 100 APHA-registered foals that have earned dozens of German and European Paint Horse Championship titles, as well as multiple PHCG Leading Breeder and year-end high-point titles.	
Chair, board of examiners for Western riding instructors, Bavaria	2014–present
Member, board of examiners for equine professionals, Bavaria	2003–present
Breeding show judge, Paint Horse Club Germany	2004–present
Breeding show judge, Deutsche Quarter Horse Association	2003–present
Owner, American Paint & Quarter Horse Import Business	1990–present
Imported hundreds of horses from Canada to Germany.	1990–1997
Importing horses from Texas to Germany	2007–present
Extensive experience as an equine flight attendant.	
Independent Equine Professional	1984–1990

ASSOCIATION EXPERIENCE

American Paint Horse Association	
BoD Member	2021–present
BoD Liaison, Professional Horseman advisory Committee	March 2023
BoD Liaison, Long Range Planning Committee	2022–2023
BoD Liaison, Breed Integrity Committee	2021–2023
Member, Breed Integrity Committee	2020–2021
Chair, International Advisory Committee	2015–2020
APHA Professional Horsewoman (Europe's first)	since 2010
APHA National Director	since 2009
APHA Member	since 1992
Paint Horse Club Germany	
President	2006–2010
Show Manager, European Paint Horse Championship	2006–2010
Member of the Board of Directors	2000–2010
Coach, Youth World Games Team	2006–2012

EDUCATION

Professional Certification in Equine Business	1998–2002
Equine Professional Master's Degree <i>with distinction</i>	2002
Equine Professional First Degree	1998
<i>Granted by the Bavarian State Government and the German Equestrian Federation</i>	