

Potential Vice President of PNER Biography Kathleen Pillo

My name is Kathleen Pillo and I intend to run for PNER Vice President for 2020 & 2021. During that time, I would like to work towards increasing rider, crew, and volunteer enjoyment of rides and the convention in the Pacific Northwest.

A little bit about myself:

My family and I live in Maple Valley, Washington (about 45 minutes East of Seattle). I have been lucky enough to have owned horses my entire life. We currently have two Morgans and one Arabian who all compete in endurance. My husband and our 11-year-old daughter also compete in the PNER. I first learned about endurance in 2005 when volunteering for King County Mounted Search and Rescue. A fellow rider from search and rescue suggested I might enjoy endurance. I googled endurance, found a local ride, and have been enjoying the sport ever since then. I have successfully competed in distances from 25 to 100 miles and have enjoyed each distance for a variety of reasons.

With the support of my family and many wonderful members of the PNER I was able to manage my first ride this season (Renegade Rendezvous) which was an eye opening, humbling experience.

I graduated from the University of Washington in 2001 and work in commercial construction in Seattle. My experience concurrently running several large, multi-phase projects, each coming with a large team, coordinating multiple crews per project, dealing with crisis management, and constantly under the pressure of liquidated damages makes me very adept at dealing with high stress situations.

I consider endurance to be a character building, fun, challenging sport that lets participants enjoy their animals, the outdoors, and make lifelong friends. I would be honored to be Cassee Steed Terry's Vice President in the PNER for the upcoming term. If not elected I am still happy to do as much as I can to promote the sport in our region and am already looking forward to the 2020 season.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M Pillo