

Executive Director's Report
September, 2016

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Planning meeting and announcement of new state laboratory
- Meetings and planning for the legislative long session
- State Fair preparations and planning
- Planning for annual membership meeting
- Trail Challenge

DISCUSSION:

September has been primarily a month of planning meetings. The NCHC is busy serving as the equine representative on the State Lab Planning Committee. This monumental building project will combine all five state laboratories on one campus. The team will be collaborating with all livestock groups as well as the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine.

As we draw closer to the November elections and the 2017 long session, many political events occurred in September. The NCHC was represented at several events including those where members assisted us in getting the necessary legislative dollars for the Southeastern Agricultural Center Stall Project. Several legislative issues remain important for the 2017 long session including access to public land, clarifying the term "impoundment" to include the owner of an equine facility, and working on improving equine farm access to liability insurance.

The majority of the month has been spent identifying and securing our participants for the Alley of Breeds and The Five Minute Riding Lessons. A large amount of time has been spent in identifying and recruiting volunteers and workers for the Fair.

The nominating committee has identified and submitted their nominees for the 2017 Board. The NCHC Office staff has prepared the necessary ballot and pulled the materials for a successful Annual Membership Meeting.

Finally, the month included our trail challenge. The event was conducted in conjunction with the Cowboy Up Event in Lumberton.