

The USDF convention is just around the corner and it's time to book your hotel rooms, airfare and register for the convention and symposium. We are in lovely San Diego this year November 30<sup>th</sup>-December 4<sup>th</sup>. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at [www.usdf.org/Convention/](http://www.usdf.org/Convention/).

Your Participating Member Delegates to the USDF Convention for 2011 are Eva-Maria Adolphi, Beth Geier, Shannon Lemons, Kay Lorenzen and Laura Speer. These ladies will be representing our Region during the voting portions of the Board of Governors meetings, in addition to representatives from each GMO. Please feel free to contact regarding your viewpoints. I know one big topic this year at the convention will be the introduction of a National Championships that will be fed from the Regional Championship program. We will also be voting on our first At Large Directors that will represent the 3 different councils made up of all of the various working committees. There are several people running for each At Large Director position so please read up on those candidates and let your delegates know who you would like to see on the USDF Executive Board.

The USDF Platinum Performance Jr/YR Region 5 clinic will be held October 22-23, 2011 at Stellar Stables in Parker, Colorado with George Williams. George is the current USDF President and has many accomplishments in the saddle, including placing 5<sup>th</sup> on Rocher in the 2003 World Cup, winning USDF Horse of the Year honors at Grand Prix and the Grand Prix Freestyle, and earning the title of USET/Collecting Gaits National Grand Prix Champion. This clinic is open to auditors of all ages and I highly encourage you to attend this great educational opportunity.

Don't forget, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships open September 1<sup>st</sup> and close October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Join us in Scottsdale!

Till next month!  
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director