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The Chapter of the Year is a program that was designed to acknowledge all of the efforts of each of the FHANA chapters throughout North America. Each chapter is unique in how they participate within the organization and they help to promote the Friesian Horse.

The Chapters Committee consisting of Will Bron, Marc DiLeo, and Sharon VanderZiel have carefully put this program together to help in acknowledging your efforts as a Chapter. The chapter of the Year program will be in full effect for the year 2010 and will use the following criteria to help determine the winner of the Chapter of the Year:

- **Largest Membership Growth** - This would be on a percentage base of how many they increased from the year before to join the chapter and FHANA.
- **Membership Retainment**- Percentage of members who stay on with chapter from year to year.
- **Volunteer Hours** – Each chapter would receive so many points for volunteering at various events based upon the hours. Examples of events would include but is not limited to Equine Affaires, Keurings, Fairs and expos. **Example:** Equine Affaire 7 volunteers each volunteered 2 hours the chapter would receive 14 pts.
- **Competitions/Shows** – For each horse that participates in various shows/competitions the chapter would receive 1 point. **Example:** Feather Horse Spring Classic, FHASE has 5 horses participating they would receive 5 points.
- **Technology**- Chapter would receive credits for how they use technology to their advantage ie. Website, Newsletter, etc... Decision comes from BOD.
- **Educational Clinics**- Chapter would receive points for each of the educational clinics that they sponsor. **Example:** Jan Hendricks Clinic Chapter would receive 5 points.

The Chapter of the Year will receive a plaque from FHANA and would be presented during the following years Annual General Meeting. There will also be a perpetual trophy that will stay in the FHANA headquarters in Lexington, KY. The Chapter of the Year will also be eligible for an additional \$500 to be used at the chapters discretion for a clinic or a show. The money would have to be applied for much like all clinic funds are applied for to verify it is being allocated properly and must have final Board approval.

Each Chapter will be required to track their volunteer hours and participating competitions. These Chapters of the Year applications will need to be submitted by Jan. 31st of each year so that we can make a timely announcement prior to the Annual General Meeting.