

□ **NESTOR ELLINOPOULLOS**

Helen and I we have been in the alpaca industry since 1994 and have been members of the AAA for over 11 years. We are located very close to the city of Goulburn in the Southern Tablelands of NSW. We are members of Southern Region New South Wales and, until my resignation from the SRNSW committee earlier this year, I had served about seven years on that committee with my main responsibilities being those of a FLO, fleece collection and fleece training as well as being convener for six years of our region's annual Totally Alpaca Field Days. Over that period Helen and I have also arranged and hosted many well-attended alpaca-related workshops, seminars and information days.

My business background lies in banking and finance. I worked for many years in one of Australia's largest banks mainly in the areas of trade, corporate and institutional finance and finished my banking career in the senior position of chief manager. I have also worked in several countries overseas. In the 1980s I was an adviser to the Solomon Islands government on its development banking. I was for some years the managing director (and subsequently chairman) of a merchant bank in Papua New Guinea. My last position before moving to our Goulburn property in 1998 was as the adviser to the government of the Republic of Vanuatu for its commercial banking. Since leaving formal employment I have undertaken various consultancies in the Asian area (mainly in China).

If I am successful in my candidacy for president, I believe that I could gain considerable leverage in utilising my above experiences and business expertise and would, through the national committee as a team, work towards achieving the following:

- Ensure that Members will always come first.
- Open up clear and frank channels of communication with members.
- Undertake a critical analysis of the AAA rules and submit them to members for change as necessary.
- Frugality in the use of members' funds is the way forward - no more legal expenses fighting members - if members have a gripe or legitimate complaints then let's hear them out, discuss the problem and resolve it. Surplus funds should be expended on useful industry issues such as member education, animal welfare, R&D, promotion and marketing and so on, and should also be utilised to reduce the very high fees currently being paid by members.
- Examine the relationship between the AAA and Australian Alpaca Fleece Ltd (AAFL) and also the extent of the AAA's investment in AAFL. Canvass the members and determine if the AAA should retain or divest its shareholding (by sale of its shares in AAFL to AAA members or outsiders).
- If the AAA continues on its path to becoming a company limited by guarantee, ensure that members are fully informed at all times and that their existing rights will not be prejudiced in any way whatsoever.

Studs in which Nestor Ellinopoulos has interest	Import/Export Licence	Candidate Agent for
Orrapoorra Alpacas	Nil	None

Proposed by – Penelope Pittard:

We wish to nominate Nestor Ellinopoulos for President of Natcom.

We have known him for all the years he has been alpaca breeding and have seen the way he works tirelessly to promote the industry. The Alpaca Industry needs a President who has business acumen and Nestor has the business background for moving the industry forward in a viable, productive way. He knows the value of a dollar and will work to make every dollar count. He has had experience in all aspects of the industry from breeding animals to fleece collection, he has exceptional organisational skills for running very successful workshops and field days and has the integrity and strength of character to stick to the rules and not enter into power plays when participating on regional committees. He is well balanced and has a forward thinking vision for the industry.

Co-Mover: John Pittard

Co-Mover: Raymond Haynes

I would like to support Nestor Ellinopoulos in his attempt to become President of the AAA.

His professionalism on behalf of, and his dedication and hard work for the AAA and the alpaca industry is well known.

His integrity on behalf of the industry and his openness to the rights and responsibilities of ordinary members as well as his wish to see good governance in all committees of the AAA is foremost.

Co-Mover: David de Burgh

I am pleased to be a co-mover for the nomination of Nestor Ellinopoulos as President of the Association.

Nestor's passion for the alpaca industry is well recognised and this, together with his business skills and personal integrity, will enable him to be an inspiring leader of our Association.

His commitment to consultation and good governance will be welcomed by all members.

Co-Mover: Pauline Nugent

In nominating Nestor Ellinopoulos for the position of President in the forthcoming elections, I have no hesitation in knowing that he will be bringing to the Association creditation with his proven ability in working tirelessly for the industry as already shown in so many ways.

His business background is an added bonus and the strength of character in these dealings has shown itself in the regional events and other National events he has participated in. Nestor's organisational skills and ability to run meetings etc in orderly fashion is well known. I fully recommend him on his commitment and his professional attitude to all matters is outstanding. We as an association would be fortunate to have him accept this position.