

**Region 8 Caucus Minutes**  
**2008 NARHA Annual Conference**  
**Hartford, Connecticut**

1. Attendees were welcomed by Region 8 Membership Oversight Committee Representative Debbie Studyvin. Everyone in the room introduced themselves and gave a brief profile of their role in the EAAT industry.
2. A notepad was circulated around the room for attendees to write their names, email addresses and center affiliation. This list was given to incoming Region 8 MOC Rep, Joan Schroeder to help her serve the Region 8 membership.
3. Door prizes were given to the attendee who had attended the most NARHA annual conferences, who was the most recent NARHA member and who owned the oldest horse.
4. Sharon Button, graduate student at Northern Illinois University dropped in to ask for Region 8's help with a research project.
5. Debbie Studyvin shared a list of Region 8 members who serve on the NARHA Board of Trustees, are NARHA, EFMHA, or AHA Committee members. Those in attendance were happy to share news of what is happening within their board or committee.
6. The Region 8 State Chairs were introduced with those in attendance taking the opportunity to speak to the group.
7. Lili Kellogg gave an informative talk on the history of the LSTEN organization and how this group has promoted therapeutic equine assisted activities within Region 8 and the surrounding states for many years.
8. Newly elected 2009-2010 Region 8 Membership Oversight Committee Representative, Joan Schroeder was introduced to the attendees and she told them how happy she was to be elected to serve them.
9. Jen Donahue reported on the 2008 Region 8 / LSTEN Conference that was held in West, TX on August 1-3, 2008
10. Joelle Devlin reported on the preparations for the 2009 Region 8 / LSTEN Conference planned for July 31 – August 2, 2009, hosted by S.I.R.E. in Hockley, TX.
11. Debbie Studyvin reported on the upcoming Louisiana State Meeting to be held January 31 – February 1, 2009 at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in Baton Rouge, LA.
12. Jama Rice reported on the 2009 NARHA Conference which is being held in Region 8. The theme for the conference is "Blazing the Trail for 40 Years." The conference will be held November 16 – 21 in Ft. Worth, TX.
13. Region 8 members presented outgoing Region 8 Rep Debbie Studyvin with a gift certificate to the NARHA store to thank her for her service.
14. The meeting was adjourned.

