

I, Francisco Valadares Silva, hereby submit my application for Vice President of the USMMA.

This year we have individuals running who share some common objectives and will work hard to achieve them - Lynn Kelley, President, myself as Vice President, Elizabeth Sims, Treasurer and Amanda Moreira Yara, Secretary.

We wish to create some new roles for the Regional Directors and fill the vacant Regional Director. This will give us a broader base to give more attention to other areas, including Sports/Events, Importation, Publicity, Promotions and Sponsors.

Our goal is to build an inclusive organization and help all members succeed as Mangalarga Marchador admirers, workers, owners or breeders.

I am married 48 years to my wife and partner, Marcia, Correa Valadares who is also a passionate horse lover. We started breeding in 2018 and became members of the ABCCMM in 2020. I have been a USMMA member for 3 years, now as a lifetime family member.

We have 8 Mangalarga Marchador horses and 5 foals here in the US with another 6 foals expected next year. Our plan for the future is to continue the evolution and expansion of our breeding program (Mineirao USA).

I am a businessman here for 16 years and have a good network with the Brazilian community and institutions in Massachusetts, where I have lived for 25 years.

My intention is to add my expertise to the USMMA and collaborate with all.

Francisco Silva, President, Mineirao Market