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Dr. Brummet began her service to the alpaca industry as a Board member of the Alpaca Research Foundation from 1998 to 2001. In 2002 she was asked by the ARI President to lead the search/evaluation of DNA testing vendors for a new ARI-vendor contract. Elected to the ARI Board of Directors in 2004 and again in 2007, Dr. Brummet currently serves as Vice President and Chief Scientist of ARI. She works closely with ARI's testing laboratory, Geneseek, and ARI staff to ensure the integrity of our methodologies and testing validity.

Shauna is ARI's representative on the organizing committee for the International Workshops on Camelid Genetics. She developed a program with Dr. Warren Johnson at the Laboratory of Genomic Diversity at the National Cancer Institute to analyze ARI's genotype database to



better understand our current set of DNA markers and prepare for future developments. Shauna also leads ARI's EPD Development Committee working to develop and implement an ARI EPD system.

Shauna, along with her husband, Jeff Skinner, own and operate Hobby Horse Farm; they have raised huacaya alpacas for 13 years with goals of producing fine and uniform fleeces on conformationally sound animals that have show ring style and presence. They also breed Samoyed dogs and in the past 25 years have bred and/or owned 54 AKC Champion Samoyeds.

Dr. Brummet's technical and business background includes a doctorate in biochemistry with post-doctoral training and many years work experience in molecular biology developing and using molecular techniques in the analysis of DNA, RNA and proteins. Later her career focus turned to the commercialization of bio-technology as a Director in the state of Ohio's entrepreneurial Edison Biotechnology Center. Then, as Vice President of Program Management for NineSigma, Inc., Dr. Brummet led the development of this start-up company's technology search function and customer interactions; working with Fortune 100 companies to find and access cutting edge technology for use in consumer products, food, chemicals, automotive and other industries. Currently, Dr. Brummet is founding a new biomedical company in Akron, Ohio.