



AMERICAN ANGUS AUXILIARY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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Reflection from the President

The greatest asset of the American Angus Auxiliary is its members. Those same words I used in my first Journal article as your 69th President of the American Angus Auxiliary. Words that have been solid through the 71-year history of this great organization.

As a third-generation Auxiliary member, my auxiliary experience began in the kitchen with my grandmother in the early 1990's. As a founding member of the Michigan Angus Auxiliary, Louisa Diuble was passionate about helping make agriculturalists successful. While she rarely attended sales and events in my lifetime, she knew there were more ways than just attending something to lend a helping hand. Recruited as a warm body who could spread butter, grandma and I made sandwiches. Looking back, I can remember brownies, cookies, lemonade and so many sandwiches coming out of her kitchen to go with grandpa to sales.

While times have changed, the ways in which we can lend a helping hand to our fellow Angus enthusiasts remains an open canvas. The Auxiliary is well-known for assisting with events in various capacities and truly is a powerful group of women achieving goals and helping to prepare the next generation of Angus leaders.

In 2023, we celebrated the 40th year of the Auxiliary sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off Contest. This unique contest began in 1983 and has grown to be one of the largest non-showing competitions for National Junior Angus Association members. A heartfelt thank you to the American Angus Association, Angus Foundation and Certified Angus Beef® for the incredible partnerships like the Cook-Off Contest that allow countless opportunities for our members as well as young adults to continue to learn and grow in their Angus knowledge.

Our members across the country are truly a workforce and serve in a diversity of roles to further advance their lives and those around them in our amazing Angus family. Thank you to those who serve on the Executive Board, Auxiliary Council as well as committees at the state and/or national level. This phenomenal group of women contribute time and talents which are truly appreciated.

A special thank you to the Missouri Angus Auxiliary and Michigan Angus Auxiliary for their assistance during this special year of service. It has been a privilege to lead the Auxiliary and many thanks to my family and the Angus family for their patience and perspectives.

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American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Orlando, Florida

President Julie Conover called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm. Julie Conover introduced and welcomed the Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Distinguished Women, Past Presidents, State Presidents, American Angus Association Staff and the Zoom participants.

Cortney Cates introduced the Miss American Angus candidates.

Anne Lampe moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Mary McCurry 2nd the motion. It was voted on and passed.

The treasurer's report was given by Tonya Theis. The motion was made by Pam Velisek to put the treasurer's report on file. It was 2nd by Mary McCurry. It was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports

- Angus Gift Barn- Julie welcome manager Veni Soto and encouraged people to visit the gift barn.
- Full Circle Online Auction- November 9, 2023. We have 38 items to sell. Cortney Holshouser thanked everyone who donated.
- Gifts that Sizzle- Deanna Hofing thanked everyone who helped with the launch of the gift box. December 11 is the cutoff to have delivered by Christmas.
- Miss American Angus- Courtney Cates announced that the judges will have their breakfast and dinner tickets paid for by the auxiliary.
- Angus Women Connected- Anne Lampe announced that the event would be held March 25-27 in Wooster, Ohio. The application should be posted by December 15 on the website.

Old Business

Angus Gift Barn Transition- As covered in the treasurer's report, the old accounts have been closed and new accounts are set up.

New Business

Presentation of the 2023-2024 Budget- Nancy Thelen highlighted the budget. Nancy moved to accept the budget as presented. Julie Murnin 2nd the motion. It was voted on and passed. Nancy Thelen then asked that if you send a check, please write in the memo what the check is to be used for.

Appointment of the 2023-2024 Nominating Committee. Julie announced that the executive board approved to appoint Valerie Trowbridge and Julie Murnin to the nominating committee. With those appointments, two more people will need to be appointed from the floor. Cortney Holshouser nominated Lynne Hinrichsen, Pam Velisek nominated Mary Greiman. Julie Murnin moved to close and accept these nominations. Cindy Ahearn 2nd the motion. Voted on and passed.

Julie appointed Barb Ettredge and Melissa Eitel to be tellers for our election.

Deanna announced that Region #4 Director is Christy Perdue, Region #5- Lori Pillars and Region #6- Tammy Weaver. We had two nominations for secretary/treasurer, Emma Collins Powell and Linda Alexander. Linda and Emma both introduced themselves. Nominations for President- Karla Knapp, President Elect-Tonya Theis, and Advisor- Julie Conover were made.

Pam Velisek moved to close nominations and to accept the ballot as presented with an election for Secretary/Treasurer to follow. Barb Ettredge 2nd the motion. It was voted on and passed. Paid members were then asked to vote for Secretary/Treasurer via prepared ballot and turn their ballots into the tellers.

Julie introduced Mark McCully to share his thoughts with the group. He introduced American Angus staff in attendance to our group.

Julie announced that Emma Powell will be the new Secretary/Treasurer for the 2023-2024 year.

With the election completed, Julie passed the gavel to newly elected President, Karla Knapp.

Announcements were made about upcoming events.

Shally Rogen moved to adjourn the meeting. Gina Hope 2nd the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 2:57

Respectfully submitted-
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