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Thoughts from the President -

Tradition Meets Progress

Cindy Ahearn, Texas



This has been a busy year and a lot of progress has been made, quietly behind the scenes, without chaos, without drama just quietly identifying objectives to be accomplished and persistently pushing to achieve the end game.

Our first objective was with Angus Media. We needed to identify roles, cost, accountability, schedules and develop a relation with the new Angus Media staff. A proposal was submitted and accepted only to require adjustments in our course due to early staffing change. We share a great relationship with Angus Media and both sides enjoy collaborating. You will notice in the Auxiliary Notes the addition of the 1/3 page ad. Negotiations continued and our objective has been accomplished. Thank You to the professional guidance of our Public Relations Chair Julie Murnin and Editor of the Angus Journal Julie Mais. We welcome Bret Spader as President of Angus Media and look forward to working with him.

Early in the year the carousel culture that plagued the American Angus Association staff made many of our members cautious and concerned about our financial relationship with the Angus Foundation. A second objective was implemented. This time to insure and confirm that over 65 years of hard work and fund raising was secure, appropriately managed and transparent. That said, it became quickly apparent the necessary documents to reflect our mutual understanding had not been constructed. Quiet persistence has resulted in a document that defines a mutual understanding between the AAA and the Auxiliary for the management of our funds by the Angus Foundation. We are in good hands. The carousel has stopped, and the calliope music has been replaced with optimism, open communication, cohesiveness, confidence and solidarity. Thank You to Mark McCully CEO, Kenny Miller CFO, Rod Schoenbein Foundation Director of Development and many of the AAA Board of Directors for the many conversations that brought us to a pleasant and supportive mutual conclusion.

Several years ago, the Auxiliary started a campaign to obtain emails from our members and notified them to keep up with current standards digital transition was paramount and on the horizon. We have increased our Facebook postings and used Constant Contact for pertinent information. 2019 was the year to 'pull the plug' and make our first attempts of communicating with the members totally electronic. Another objective set in motion. Our first major electronic activity was the Spring POST. The majority of the members received their POST electronically. Under 400 letters were still sent through the mail because of no email address. These recipients were notified on their copy this would be their last hard copy and to submit their email for further communication. Only a small handful of email updates were received. Hard copies can still be sent upon request. This electronic transition has reduced postage expense and expedited communication. A win-win. The Fall Post will be our second run and each time we will improve and reduce the postage for hard copy mailing. This objective is not considered complete, but we get closer with each activity. Thank you to all the PR Committee for your talented contributions.

The NJAS was a whirlwind of activity and fun. We distributed \$18,000.00 in scholarships to 10 deserving junior Angus seniors. I am happy to report the gains in our Scholarship fund this year have covered the amount given. All the contests were conducted with success and a big Thank You to all those who volunteered. There was an unexpected tie for the Silver Pitcher, so another pitcher was ordered and sent to the co-winner. During the follow up discussions with Jaclyn Upperman and Caitlyn Brandt of the activities department, a future tiebreaker has been decided.



We have reviewed the Bylaws. There are a few areas of clarity requiring word changes to make them current. They are printed in this POST and the October Angus Journal. These will be voted on by paid members at the annual meeting in Reno and require a 2/3 majority vote. Please make sure your dues are current so you can be an eligible voting member.

The year has flown by. As you can see, we have been busy and preparations are in motion for the annual meeting in Reno, NV. **November 2nd** at 3:00 and the Breakfast **November 3rd** at 7:00. I hope you will attend the Miss American Angus speeches, Auxiliary meeting and the breakfast! Catch the ad in the POST and October Angus Journal for the Full Circle Online Auction on **Nov. 6-7**. There are some awesome items! BID, BID, BID!!!

Thank You for your dedication to the American Angus Auxiliary!

American Angus Convention Activities

Come join your Angus friends at Convention, **November 1-4** in Reno, Nevada! Kicking off the event Friday will be the National Angus Tour. This year's tour includes visiting Bently Ranch in Minden, Nevada. Attendees also have the opportunity to become take a Beef Quality Assurance Certification Course to become BQA certified.

Saturday activities include the Auxiliary Executive Committee meeting at 8:00 am in the Presidents Suite Peppermill Hotel Villa Suite. At 1:00 pm, the Executive Board meeting will take place at the Convention Center A3/A4. Following the executive meeting will be the President's Reception/Social at 2:30 pm in the Convention Center A3/A4. The Auxiliary Annual Membership meeting begins at 3:00 pm.

Plan to attend the Sunday morning 68th Annual Auxiliary Breakfast at 7:00 am in the Peppermill Hotel Tuscany Ballroom. Space is limited so make sure to register early and purchase your tickets! Also on Sunday, there will be a Past Presidents Luncheon, time and place to be determined. Be sure to stop in and listen to the Miss American Angus Speeches from 4:00-5:00 pm at the Convention Center A14!

Monday's Awards Breakfast will feature the culmination of the Miss American Angus Contest, with the Crowning of our 2019-2020 Miss American Angus. The AAA Annual Awards Breakfast begins at 7:30 am in the Peppermill Hotel Tuscany Ballroom.

All activities will be held at the Convention Center. Registration is required to attend the National Angus Tour, Auxiliary Breakfast and AAA Breakfast. Look to angusconvention.com for complete information.

From Your Regional Directors

Greetings from Region 2

Vivian Wolf, Texas



Well this Spring weather was amazing, but in typical Texas fashion, when it's time to get hot, Mother Nature doesn't mess around. We were certainly blessed to have green grass until well after the 4th of July. Now, we just pray for rain!

News over the last year includes a successful National Convention held in Columbus, Ohio with a fun trip to Certified Angus Beef in Wooster. Our juniors attended many major shows including their state show and a long road trip to the National Junior Angus Show in Louisville, Kentucky. Many successes were achieved by our juniors and we watched Sydnee Gerken finish out her NJAA Chairman of the board position and Dylan Denny was selected as the Foundation Director.

Our New Mexico Angus friends continue to cultivate unity and a strong Angus team. Linda Richardson of Carlsbad is developing a network of women in the Angus breed in her state. In Oklahoma, Lindsay Hendricks is building a group of Auxiliary liaisons and Cara Gerken was very helpful in keeping up with the juniors accomplishments. Kathi Creamer of Colorado also continues to be the bridge builder with the Auxiliary. The Texas Angus Auxiliary continues to be a strong group of women supporting our Texas juniors while promoting the breed and working with the National Auxiliary. I would like to thank all of these women for working hard to promote our Angus breed and for being so welcoming and accommodating to me when searching for information on our juniors.

Looking ahead, we are excited about Full Circle Online Auction which will be held November 6-7, 2019. I would like to thank everyone for your donations. The Texas Auxiliary purchased a monogrammed end table that you can monogram with your farm name or brand. Don't forget our Angus Gift Barn either. You can order things online or shop with us in November at the National Angus Convention in Reno, Nevada. Whichever ways you support the Auxiliary, please know we appreciate you!

It has been a huge honor serving you as your Region 2 Director. Always feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or if you just want to share some great news happening in your area. May God keep and protect you all!

Greetings from Region 4

Julie Conover, Missouri



What a year it has been. Since being asked to serve a one-year vacancy in November, it has been a wonderful experience with the American Angus Auxiliary and for that I am extremely grateful.

Raised as a third-generation Auxiliary member, I have witnessed and been a part of the relationships that are built through this great group of women. My grandmother, Louisa Diuble, was a founding member of the Michigan Angus Auxiliary. It was a true pleasure to serve as president of the Michigan Auxiliary as we celebrated their 50th year in 2017.

Also in 2017, marriage would bring me to the place I now call home, Missouri. My husband and I are blessed to

both be working in the beef industry for what we think is the greatest beef breed. In our spare time, we raise Angus cattle and Berkshire and Yorkshire hogs.

Specifically, within the Auxiliary each state faces challenges. Whether it is trying to grow the membership, maintain the traditions set by former generations, be innovative to keep a large membership active, or making the difficult decision to disband, these are all challenges faced in Region 4. Our region is just as diverse as the challenges and I am proud to share the wonderful scholarship, leadership, and fundraising successes of our region in my meeting reports. If you have any special items that you would like added to these reports, please let me know. As a note, Region 4 consists of Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Region 4 is also the proud home of the Angus Gift Barn! Melanie Kiani does a wonderful job for the Auxiliary serving as one of the main fundraisers. Another great fundraiser coming up is the Full Circle Online Auction. Proceeds of both fundraisers support the Auxiliary's mission, including breed promotion, beef education, and youth development through programs, awards, and scholarships.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Angus Convention, but if you need anything any other time of the year, please reach out to me via phone or email. Happy Fall!

News from Region 6

Valerie Trowbridge, Pennsylvania



Greetings from Region 6! My name is Valerie Trowbridge. My husband, Gene, and I have had Angus cattle for 23 years. Our four children Michael, Philip, Maria and Elizabeth have all enjoyed showing in 4-H and the NJAA. We run Endless Mountains Angus Farm, located in the Endless Mountains of Pennsylvania. We have a herd of 50 head and primarily sell through private treaty and freezer beef. In addition to taking care of cattle on the farm, I work full time at Tractor Supply Company as the Receiving Manger.

It has been a busy year for the region. Madison Weaver from Pennsylvania was crowned Miss American Angus at the Angus Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Virginia hosted the MAJAC Junior Angus Classic in March, while Maryland hosted the Atlantic National ROV and Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show. There have also been many state show across Region 6.

Pennsylvania Juniors are gearing up to host the National Junior Angus Show July 5-11, 2020 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The theme is 2020 Vision: Focus on the Future.

I attended the Auxiliary Spring meeting in Wooster, Ohio at the CAB Culinary Center. I also attended the Mid-Year meeting in Louisville, Kentucky during the NJAS. I enjoyed meeting and visiting with people from my region in person at the social.

There were many contest winners from Region 6 at the NJAS. Bryce Fitzgerald from Pennsylvania placed 2nd in showmanship. Megan Pelan of Maryland and Daniel Rohrbach of Pennsylvania are new Junior Board members. Congratulations to all!

I encourage all women to look for the information on the Women Connected Conference which will be coming up in Spring 2020. See you all in Reno!



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Proposed By-Law Changes

Article IV Officers and Regional Directors

Section 4.1 The majority voting at the Annual Meeting shall elect the Officers and the majority voting from each region by ~~mail~~ ballot shall elect the Regional Directors.

Section 4.2 President

4.2.5 Shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees except the Nominating ~~and Scholarship~~ Committees

Section 4.5 Regional Directors

Regional Directors shall ~~be elected to serve~~ a term of two years but no more than two consecutive terms. ~~In order for terms to be arranged so that no more than three directors' terms shall expire annually and for one term only, the directors from Regions 1, 2 and 3 shall serve a two-year term and the directors from Regions 4, 5 and 6 shall serve a three-year term for those director positions elected in November 2010.~~ If a Regional Director position becomes vacant, the newly appointed Regional Director shall complete the remaining vacated term. A Regional Director appointed to complete a vacated term may then be elected to no more than two consecutive terms after completion of the vacated term.

ARTICLE VII Standing Committees

Section 7.8 Scholarship Committee.

1. The Scholarship Committee shall consist of eight members. The President-elect shall be Chair. The eight members shall be ~~appointed~~ ~~nominated~~ by the President-Elect and confirmed by the Executive Committee of the Executive Board and shall serve for a period of four (4) years with two ~~members~~ retiring and two new members appointed annually. In the event of a vacancy, ~~an~~ the individual appointed to fill the vacancy shall only serve ~~the time represented by the remaining unexpired~~ term of the ~~vacating member~~ ~~the individual was appointed to replace~~.

ARTICLE VIII Nominations and Elections Section

Section 8.1 Nomination Committee.

3. For the election of Regional Directors, the Nominating Committee will work with state and/or regional auxiliaries and members to recruit candidates for Regional Director. Members will have the opportunity to nominate a regional director candidate from their respective region. ~~All~~The names of nominees who consent to accept the position and complete an information form will ~~go be placed~~ on the Regional Director ballot. The ballots for each region electing a director will be ~~mailed provided~~ to the current official list of members in those regions and members will only vote for nominees in their region. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. The Nominating Committee Chair is responsible for issuing and counting the returned ballots. The ~~Regional Director~~ ballots ~~may be issued and completed returned~~ ballots ~~returned may be provided~~ by U.S. mail, electronic methods or such other method as approved by the ~~Executive~~ Board.

American Angus Auxiliary Mentoring Program

Each year, the American Angus Auxiliary puts together a mentoring program for juniors entering their last couple years of involvement in the National Junior Angus Association. The goal of the program is to pair protégés with mentors who can help guide them in those 'in-between' years. The women of the Auxiliary are experienced in a multitude of career paths coupled with the knowledge, connections, and passion to help prepare the college aged group for a successful future in both their personal and professional lives. By drawing on the experience of women involved in, or with a history in agriculture, you can make the most out of your time figuring out 'what's next?'. To apply, please visit www.angusauxiliary.com, or email Katelyn Corsentino, Mentor Program Chair, directly at katelyn.corsentino@gmail.com.

The Annual Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off

Competition Heats Up

National Junior Angus Show hosts a culinary competition to encourage junior Angus members to create a Certified Angus Beef dish.

Junior Angus members and parents alike agree the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-off is one of the most highly anticipated contests held at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). In 1983 in Des Moines, Iowa, the first Cook-off was organized to encourage Angus juniors to practice their beef education skills while using ground beef. Later in 1988, the contest gained the support of *Certified Angus Beef*®, and ever since, they have provided product to contestants. To add to the whimsy of the event, it was encouraged to create a theme, to dress and style the dish around, as well as prepare a presentation/skit for the judges focusing on the theme of the dish.

"The CAB Cook-off is a highly anticipated annual event that everyone in the family can get excited about," said Anne Patton Schubert, past American Angus Auxiliary president and one of the founders of the CAB® Cook-off. "Not only does this contest teach juniors to cook using the *Certified Angus Beef*® brand, but it also molds the exhibitors to be beef advocates at the dinner table."

Participants are to create a dish using the *Certified Angus Beef*® brand, and these dishes were separated into three divisions: steaks, roasts and other beef items. Beyond these categories, the junior members are divided into age groups: 8-13, 14-17 and 18-21, with groups of two to six, the age being determined by the oldest member of the team. Sponsored by the Beef Education Committee of the American Angus Auxiliary, this event requires an immense amount of teamwork and is a favorite of exhibitors, as well as families, due to its fun nature.

Eva Hinrichsen, Kady Figge, Clay Pelton, Kelsey Theis, Abbie Schwab and Nick Siemens were the overall winners at the 2019 National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) division, where they were able to wow the judges with their Molasses Spiked Steak recipe. This recipe uses CAB flat iron steaks marinated in a combination of spices and molasses and grilled to perfection.

The Black Kettle Award is given to the team with the highest score overall, among all different age groups. In commemoration of Paul St. Blanc, who was an avid Angus producer and cook-off enthusiast, this award was presented to Kansas in the Intermediate Steak division. The team appropriately chose the Kentucky Derby to coincide with this year's NJAS theme.

The CAB Cook-off Contest is an opportunity for all juniors to be involved in the activities of the show week, even if they do not have live-stock to show. This opportunity is educational as well as fun for all juniors involved and will continue being a favorite competition throughout the upcoming years.

— Written by Karen Hiltbrand, Angus Communications



Overall CAB Cook-Off Winners and Black Kettle Winners
Kansas Intermediate Team, Steak Division

Attention Members in Regions 4, 5 & 6

If you are a paid American Angus Auxiliary Member living in Regions 4, 5 or 6, please take a moment to vote for a director from your region only; you also have the option to write in a name from your region. Please sign your name and include your state next to your signature; unsigned ballots will be invalid. Vote only if you are from Regions 4, 5 or 6 and vote for only one candidate/write-in from your region. Ballots must be post-marked or emailed to Nomination Committee Chairman, Leslie Mindemann on/by October 15, 2019. Photo copy of this ballot is acceptable.

VOTE*OFFICIAL BALLOT***VOTE**

American Angus Auxiliary - Regional Director Election

Please vote for ONE candidate or write in a candidate from a state WITHIN YOUR REGION

Place an 'X' beside the candidate's name for whom you wish to elect - only vote for the region in which you belong

Region 4 - Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida

_____ Julie Conover, Missouri Write In: _____
_____ Kristi Williams, Tennessee

Ballot Check List - Please verify before submitting

- _____ Voted for only one candidate from your region
- _____ You are a current, paid American Angus Auxiliary member and from the region you voted in
- _____ Ballot is signed and your state noted
- _____ Postmarked or emailed by October 15, 2019

Region 5 - Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin

_____ Lori Pillars, Michigan Write In: _____
_____ Rebecca Knott, Indiana

Region 6 - Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and District of Columbia

_____ Valerie Trowbridge, Pennsylvania Write In: _____

Member's Signature _____ **Date** _____
Member's Printed Name _____ **State** _____

Please sign and return ballot to Leslie Mindemann, Nominating Committee Chairman, by October 15, 2019. (postmark or email) Photo copy of this ballot is acceptable, scanned and emailed ballots will also be accepted.

Mail to: Leslie Mindemann, Nominating Committee Chairman, W 1551 County Road B, Sullivan, WI 53178 or lesmindy@gmail.com



2019 Showmanship Contest Top 5 Showman

L to R: Rylie Melancon, MS; Lauren Parks, MO; Cara Smith, NC; Bryce Fitzgerald, PA; Grace Link, WI; Judges Jake Tiedeman, NE; Carolyn Gazda, GA; Kristopher Lynn, KY

Submit Items for Scrapbook

Executive Board members, Committee chairs, Regional Directors, and State Auxiliaries please send photos, newsletters, articles, minutes, etc. to be featured in the 2019 scrapbook. The scrapbook showcases and documents American Angus Auxiliary and state auxiliaries throughout the year. The scrapbook will be presented to the American Angus Auxiliary at the annual meeting during the 2019 National Angus Convention.

Please send contributions by October 15 to:
Emma Collins, Historian
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Meet the Candidates

Full Candidate Bio's can be viewed on the website

REGION 4: Julie Conover, Holden, Missouri

Describe your involvement with Angus Cattle, current and background.

I am a third generation Angus breeder and grew up learning about the Auxiliary. My first Auxiliary role was to help make sandwiches for the state sale with my grandmother who was a founding member of the Michigan Angus Auxiliary. I grew up through the National Junior Angus Association and enjoyed showing cattle at local, state and national events. Currently, I live with my husband in Missouri where we purchased a farm and continue to raise Angus cattle and Berkshire and Yorkshire hogs. We are both actively working for the Angus breed which is a true joy to turn a passion into a profession.

What skills or talent can you bring to the organization?

In my experience as an Agriculture Instructor, Extension Educator and now General Manager, I work with faculty and staff, volunteers and stakeholders to evaluate and implement statewide programs that provided opportunities for youth to develop content knowledge and life skills. These same skills can be applied to this role with the Auxiliary.

Why would you like to serve the American Angus Auxiliary on a national level?

The Auxiliary has always been a group that I have looked up to. I learned at a young age the importance of lending a hand and I don't believe there is a better organization to be involved with. As a junior member, contest participant, scholarship recipient, and queen candidate, I directly benefited from the hard work and efforts of the American Angus Auxiliary. My experience attending American Angus Auxiliary meetings and serving on several committees has provided me with great learning opportunities. As a Regional Director for one year, this has fueled my enthusiasm for the organization. It would be an honor to serve again with this wonderful group of ladies.

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As a member of the Executive Committee, you will be making decisions on behalf of the entire membership – organizational, financial, events, fundraising, communications. How do you feel your experience qualifies you?

Through Farm Bureau, 4-H, FFA, and Angus organizations, I have been in similar elected positions where I serve the membership. Additionally, my past employment experience and current position with the Missouri Angus Association has taught me many skills that are applicable to this role. Three specific attributes that will help with this leadership role are patience, passion, and decision-making skills.

REGION 4: Kristi Williams, Johnson City, Tennessee

Describe your involvement with Angus Cattle, current and background.

As a young girl, I remember my Dad raising registered Angus cattle; going to sales, feeding in the cold of winter and of course, seeing those calves running through the pasture. While I didn't show cattle as a youngster, our family fell into it when our son turned 10. Little did we know, going to one East Tennessee sale would change our lives for years to come. Our son is now 24 and can attribute much of his success from years of hard work, time spent in the barn and shows. Today, we still love the show ring, Angus cattle, and we continue to help kids show every year. We don't have a large herd, or a big name, but we love the breed and all that it stands for.

What skills or talent can you bring to the organization?

My most recent career was in Information Technology. I have excellent skills in processes and projects.

Why would you like to serve the American Angus Auxiliary on a national level?

If I were being honest, I would have to say, "I have no idea". What I do know is that Tennessee, at least to my knowledge and research, doesn't have an Auxiliary in East Tennessee. While the Auxiliary does great work, it would be great to see it more in the forefront. So, I think my answer for wanting to be on a national level is, to make a difference.

REGION 5: Lori Pillars, Martin, Michigan

Describe your involvement with Angus Cattle, current and background.

During my 4-H days, I showed Angus cattle at the fair and at a few local shows each year. My first heifer was purchased from Mr. Fred Good of Charlotte, Michigan. Over time my bred and owned herd grew to 13 head before selling them to an individual who approached me during my last year of 4-H. The money helped me pay for college where I earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education/ Special Education/ Early Childhood. Fast forward 26 years to the year 2013, when my family and I purchased two heifers from Seldom Rest Farm, The Foster Family of Niles, Michigan and a heifer from Mr. Grubbs sale of Indiana to start our current herd of registered Angus. Since 2013 my boys, Austin and Blake, have been heavily involved with the Michigan Junior Angus Association. During our involvement with the Michigan Angus Association, I have been a member of the Michigan Angus Auxiliary where I have served as historian for the past seven years. As for my role at home I am the head of the food and show clothes department, which can be defined as whatever needs to get done before leaving for a show.

What skills or talent can you bring to the organization?

I am a well-organized individual who completes tasks on time. You will find that I communicate well with others, as I believe that open honest communication is the key to a successful organization. I will bring a warm, friendly welcoming attitude and laughter to the group.

Why would you like to serve the American Angus Auxiliary on a national level?

It was a very pleasant surprise that Mrs. Bloom called me one evening to ask if I was interested in being nominated as the Region Five Director. To be honest, I had not given it much thought, as I always envisioned that would be something I would do after retiring from teaching. The more I thought about it more excited I became, so when I called Mrs. Bloom back and said yes I would accept the nomination I was excited,

because maybe some of my ideas will be helpful in making the Auxiliary even stronger than it is now.

REGION 5: Rebecca Knott, LaOtto, Indiana

Describe your involvement with Angus Cattle, current and background.

I can't remember Angus cattle not being in my life. My father and brothers are herdsman along with myself, siblings, daughters, cousins, nieces, nephews. Growing up in the junior program followed by adult associations, Angus cattle has helped define who I am as a person today.

What skills or talent can you bring to the organization?

The American Angus Auxiliary has established very strong support for education, promotion and social programs that focus on the welfare of the Angus Breed. Throughout my career as an educator and my involvement in the American Angus Auxiliary Ways and Means Committee, I have developed an expertise in how to serve and communicate to a diverse group of people. My strong work ethic, flexibility, organization, passion, creativity, social networking and my ability to listen and effect change make me a strong candidate.

Why would you like to serve the American Angus Auxiliary on a national level?

As a junior, adult and parent I've admired the rich history of the American Angus Auxiliary and its continued commitment to advocate for the Angus Breed. It has been a goal of mine to serve on the American Angus Auxiliary so I could give back to the community of passionate female members that have enriched my life over many years. I'm eager to participate in leading strong efforts in support of our juniors and continuing to advocate amongst American Angus Auxiliary members for the Angus Breed.

As a member of the Executive Committee, you will be making decisions on behalf of the entire membership – organizational, financial, events, fundraising, and communications. How do you feel your experience qualifies you?

My experience as an educator, livestock leader, junior breed leader, committee chair, mother and farm co-owner has given me the opportunity to learn about organization, finance, events, fundraising and communication. For these reasons I feel my experience qualifies me to be a member of the Executive Committee.

REGION 6: Valerie Trowbridge, Meshoppen, Pennsylvania

Describe your involvement with Angus Cattle, current and background.

My husband and I have been married 30 years. We bought our first Angus, two bred heifers in 1996. Our farm name is Endless Mountains Angus Farm, located in the Endless Mountains of Pennsylvania. We have continued to grow our herd and now have 55 total head. This includes 20 cow calves, heifers and steers. Our four children have enjoyed showing Angus at the shows at the local, state and national level. We have attended eight of the last nine National Junior Angus Shows. All of our children have aged out now and we are looking forward to continuing with grandchildren. We still continue to attend the NJAS. We love to go and see our Angus family from across the country. I think it's important to maintain and increase demand for beef and to promote a positive image of our industry. I continue to maintain a small show string and my husband and I show at various shows across the country. I make all the breeding decisions for the herd, along with maintaining their daily care.

What skills or talent can you bring to the organization?

My ability to work with people.

Why would you like to serve the American Angus Auxiliary on a national level?

I would like to serve on the national level because I like what I see and how the ladies work together for the support of the Auxiliary and what it does. I have been attending meetings since 2013. I have been observing and am ready to get involved. I believe as a Regional Director I can make my Region stronger by informing and educating the ladies about the Auxiliary.

For more information visit: <http://www.angusauxiliary.com/fundraisers/FullCircleOnlineAuction>

Don't forget! THE SALE DATE CHANGED Nov. 6th - 7th

<p>Maryland Crab Cakes</p> <p>10 Maryland Crab Cakes will be shipped to the buyer. Donated by Maryland Angus Women's Club</p>	<p>Outdoor Light</p> <p>LED 100 Watt Flood Light Donated by Lakeside Livestock Equipment</p>	<p>Customized End Table</p> <p>Turquoise & white, wicker end table, cowhide top can be customized Donated by K&A Designs</p>	<p>Custom Ear Tags</p> <p>A set of 20 custom designed ear tags Donated by Pennsylvania Angus Auxiliary</p>
<p>Custom Cocktail Table</p> <p>Customized top printed by State Group 2.67' Folding Table Donated by The Wagner Girls</p>	<p>Cowhide Backpack</p> <p>Donated by Avenue Hiking, Hiking Performance Livestock Farm, LLC</p>	<p>Children's Cattle Barn</p> <p>Children's play barn and wooden corral Donated by Hokus Angus</p>	<p>Cattle Crafted Vase</p> <p>Hand Crafted Vase with Angus cow and barn Donated by North Carolina Angus Auxiliary</p>
<p>American Flag Decor</p> <p>2x3.5' American Flag reclaimed pallet wood by Thinkless American Goods Donated by Turner Meador Ranch</p>	<p>Western Handbag</p> <p>American West Handbag Donated by Compukas</p>	<p>Dining Package</p> <p>This affordable CAB dining package Donated by Certified Angus Beef</p>	<p>Cutting Boards</p> <p>High Quality Custom Cutting Boards Donated by Glass Tops</p>
<p>Fire Ring</p> <p>30" Custom Fire Ring with Barn and calf design Donated by Willow Branch Stock Farm & W Angus Auxiliary</p>	<p>Vaccine Cooler</p> <p>VacMate is the premier recommended high-performance cattle vaccine cooler Donated by Marsh</p>	<p>Vera Bradley Package</p> <p>\$500 custom order of Vera Bradley Donated by Mectory Angus Ranch</p>	<p>Custom Quilt</p> <p>King Size handmade patchwork quilted Donated by Miss American Angus Madison Weaver</p>
<p>Camera Strap</p> <p>Custom hand made leather camera strap Donated by Courtney Gates</p>	<p>Toy Cattle Corral Set</p> <p>This Cattle Corral and Squeeze Chute Combination Toy Set Donated by Hokus Angus Farm</p>	<p>Angus Weathervane</p> <p>18" gold-painted arrow and a gold-painted compass rose Donated by Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary</p>	<p>Angus Store Cover</p> <p>Angus Printing on Stainedwood store cover Donated by Julie Gummer and Nancy Thelen</p>
<p>Customized End Table</p> <p>Wicker end table with custom leather engraved top Donated by Texas Angus Auxiliary</p>	<p>Cowhide Weekender Bag</p> <p>Cowhide large weekender bag Donated by Dutch Angus Cattle Farm and Angus Girls Cattle Company</p>	<p>Jewelry</p> <p>Bele Necklaces and earrings Donated by Angus Angus</p>	<p>Angus Boots</p> <p>By the a \$450 pair of Tony Lama boots Donated by North Dakota Angus Auxiliary</p>
			<p>Cattle Leather Picture</p> <p>Hand Crafted Leather Bull, Cow/Calf Picture Donated by Clayton Heiler</p>

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Through the Barn Door

Melanie Kiani, AGB Manager/Ways & Means, Chairman
The Angus Gift Barn – your answer to Unique Gift Giving

The Angus Gift Barn is the online store for the American Angus Auxiliary. The store features Auxiliary exclusive items such as custom engraved whisky decanters, coffee tumblers, baby bibs and onesies, glassware, jewelry, scarves, t-shirts, totes, puzzles, and many other unique items for sale.

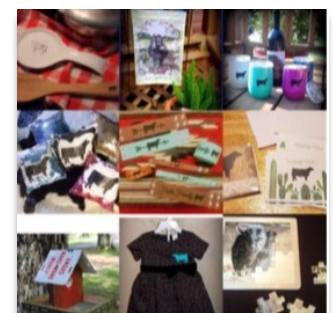
The Angus Gift Barn was very successful at the 2019 National Junior Angus Show in Louisville, Kentucky. We plan to restock some of these items for the National Angus Convention in Reno! In the meantime, be sure to check out what is still available on our website.

Online sales have also stayed successful with back-to-school, wedding and show season.

At showings, the AGB Manager, Melanie Kiani and committee members have designed new display items to better showcase the items in the Angus Gift Barn while adding new merchandise to the Angus Gift Barn.

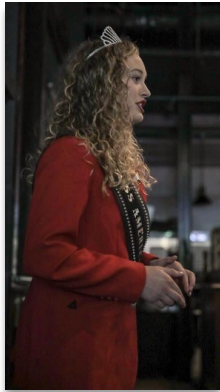
The Angus Gift Barn is looking forward to the upcoming National Angus Convention. We will have many new items that have not been available for purchase and have re-stocked many popular items. Make sure you come by, there is something for EVERYONE!

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Miss American Angus

Madison Weaver, Pennsylvania
2019 Miss American Angus



As Tom Burke always says, "Once a Miss America, always a Miss America." As we get closer and closer to November, it has yet to hit me that I will soon be giving up my crown and moving to a different part of my life. There are so many memories that will resonate with me forever. This summer had many of them.

I started off the summer by attending the Atlantic National in Timonium, Maryland. I have been going to this show since I was two years old and coming back as Miss American Angus was very bitter sweet. At this show, I handed out awards as well as attended the Queen's Luncheon. At the Queens Luncheon, I discussed with the girls about what it means to be a queen and talking to the consumer. I also attended the show's dinner and had conversations with many producers. This was a great show to end the ROV season!

I started off the month of June by attending the All-American Breeders Futurity in Louisville, Kentucky. This show is based on tradition and has such a family atmosphere surrounding it. The awards were magnificent, with many traveling trophies and banners. It was truly a show of the ages and I cannot wait to attend it again.



In late June, I attended the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Timonium, Maryland. As much as I love attended ROV shows, the junior shows hold a very special place in my heart. This show is no different. The Maryland Junior Angus Association did a fabulous job hosting the show this year. At Eastern Regionals I presented awards, as well as attended the opening ceremonies, and the Queen's Luncheon. At opening ceremonies, we got to listen to the Pioneer Breeders in Maryland. It was interesting to hear about their Angus operations and how far they have come. At the Queens Luncheon, I reminded the girls on how to properly dress and act in the ring, as well as how to present awards. As an exhibitor, as well as Miss American Angus, I had a blast at Eastern Regionals.

After Eastern Regionals, it was time to gear up and head to the National Junior Angus Show in Louisville, Kentucky. This is a show that I always look forward to, as it is a time to reunite with my Angus family. I started off the week by attending the Queen's Luncheon. At the luncheon, the girls had an etiquette session while we ate. I talked to the queens about self-confidence and how to find yourself in their roles. I later attended the opening ceremonies, as well the shows throughout the week. The quality of cattle that walked through the ring were tremendous. It was amazing to be a part of so many exhibitor's special day.



A few weeks later, I got to attend the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development conference in Nashville, Tennessee. I have always loved this conference, as juniors get to interact with each other outside of a show setting. In Nashville, we got to tour the city, as well as local producers. We also got to attend a show at the Grand Ole Opry. It was a fun filled weekend and I can't wait to see where LEAD is next year.

As my summer comes to an end, I am truly thankful for all of the producers, Auxiliary members, and association staff that have made this year possible. While we are close to the end of my reign, I will still be attending Keystone International Livestock Expo and the American Royal. I cannot wait to see all of you at Angus Convention!

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October 1

Reports Due from: Regional Directors, Committee Chairs, State Presidents
Guideline Updates Due

October 15

Ballot Deadline - OFFICIAL BALLOT FOUND IN THIS ISSUE

November 1

Certificates of Achievement Due

November 2-4 | National Convention - Reno, Nevada

November 2: 8:00 Executive Committee Meeting
1:00 Executive Board Meeting
2:30 Presidents Reception/Social
3:00 Annual Auxiliary General Membership Meeting

November 3: 7:00 Annual Auxiliary Breakfast
TBD Past Presidents Luncheon
4:00 Miss American Angus Speeches

November 4: 7:30 AAA Annual Awards Breakfast and Crowning of
Miss American Angus

November 6-7

Full Circle Online Auction



**Girls Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Recipients and
Miss American Angus Queen Candidates**
Eva Hinrichsen, KS; Morgan Knapp, IA; Hailey Roye, AR;
Mardee Sadowsky, MO; not pictured Claire Stevenson, MT



Boys Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Recipients
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