

Junior Angus Officers and Directors Elected at National Show

Members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) traveled to Perry, Ga., July 14 - 19 to attend the annual meeting of the NJAA which was held in conjunction with the 1997 National Junior Angus Show. The highlight of the event was the election of six new directors to the NJAA Board and the announcement of the officers for 1997-98. This took place during the Friday night awards ceremony on July 18.

Serving as chairman for the more than 9,000-member organization for the coming year is Jarod Gillig, Odessa, Mo. Dru Uden, Franklin, Neb., was named the vice chairman.

Andrew Donnell, Jackson, Tenn., will serve as the communications director, while Moriah Olson, Hereford, Texas, was elected to the position of foundation director.

Brent Scarlett, Snow Camp, N.C., will hold the position of leadership director, and the new membership information director is Leigh Ann Campbell, Springfield, Ky.

The individuals elected to leadership positions are beginning their second year of their two-year term on the board.

Delegates to the meeting elected six new directors from 11 candidates to serve on the 12-member board. A brief biography of those six individuals follows:

Diana Covell, Frederick, Md., will be a sophomore at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan., where she studies animal science. Her parents are Donald and Ann Covell. She has shown her Angus on local, state and national levels and has served in many leadership positions for the Maryland Junior Angus Association.

Amy Dyar Crossville, Ala., is the daughter of Richard Dyar and Linda Dyar. She attends Auburn University, Auburn,



Officers and directors of the **National Junior Angus Association** pictured front row (l to r) are: Leigh Ann Campbell, membership/information director; Brent Scarlett leadership director; Dru Uden vice chairman; Andrew Donnell, communications director; Jarod Gillig, chairman; and Moriah Olson, foundation director. Pictured back row (l to r) are: Rhonda Nida, Amy Dyar, Hutch Porter, Justin (J. W.) McCurry, Janelle Sommers, and Diana Covell.

Ala., where she will be a junior studying agricultural economics this fall. She has served as president, vice president and secretary of the Alabama Junior Angus Association and is active in other school and community activities.

Justin (J.W.) McCurry, Mt. Hope, Kan., is an active member of his family's Angus ranch. His parents are Bradley and Kay McCurry. He will be a sophomore at Butler County Community College, Eldorado, Kan., this fall, and then plans to finish his education at a four-year university. McCurry has served in many leadership positions in the Kansas Junior Angus Association and has attended several Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conferences.

Rhonda Nida, Red Rock, Okla., is the daughter of Brenda Nida. She plans to attend Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan., where she will be a freshman in

agricultural journalism. Nida has been active in showing her Angus on the local, state and national levels and was named the 1997 American Angus Auxiliary first place girl scholarship winner.

Hutch Porter, Jefferson, Ga., is the son of Melvin and Donna Porter. He served as co-chairman of this year's National Junior Angus Show in Perry, Ga., and has spent two years as president of the Georgia Junior Angus Association. In addition, Porter has been actively involved in 4-H and FFA.

Janelle Sommers, the daughter of Richard and Sharon Sommers, is actively involved with her family's Angus operation in Silver Lake, Ind. She will be a sophomore at Purdue University, West Lafayette, this fall. In addition to her Angus activities, Sommers is involved in the Indiana Junior Beef Cattle Association.

