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unior Angus members from across the nation gathered in Tulsa, Okla., July 7-12, to attend the annual meeting of the National Junior

Angus Association (NJAA). The meeting was held in conjunction with the 1999 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds.

New officers were announced during the awards ceremony held Sunday, July 11.

Serving as chairman of the 10,000-member organization for the coming year is Melissa Pickrell, Paris, Ky. Julie Dameron, Lexington, Ill., is vice chairman.

Lindsey Trosper, Hamilton, Mo., is communications director, and Garrett Pohlman, Norfolk, Neb., is Foundation director.

Leadership director is Julie Scarlett, Snow Camp, N.C., with John Melton, Bridgewater, Va., rounding out the roll of officers as membership/information director.

The directors elected to leadership positions are beginning the second year of their two-year terms.

Candidates from nine states vied for the six open positions on the Board. Delegates from 33 states cast ballots for their top six candidates after each candidate submitted applications, gave oral presentations and completed roundtable interviews. A brief biography of the six newly elected directors follows.

BRANDON DOUGLAS, Gentry, Ark., is the son of John and Debbie Douglas. This fall he will attend Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyo., where he will major in pre-veterinary medicine. He has been involved in 4-H and FFA and has served as president of the Arkansas Junior Angus Association.

LEADERS MERGE IN TULSA

*Juniors elect
new directors
and officers.*

MIRANDA GRISSOM, Prague, Okla., has been a member of the NJAA for 11 years and has been active in the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association, holding various leadership positions. She is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University (OSU), Stillwater, pursuing degrees in agricultural communications and animal science. Her parents are Vic Grissom and Anita Grissom.

JAMIE MEYER will transfer this fall to OSU after completing two years at Butler County Community College, El Dorado, Kan. She is from Douglass, Kan., and has served as president, vice president and secretary of the Kansas Junior Angus

Association. The daughter of Dale Meyer and his wife, Pam, and of Marilyn Meyer, she served as the 1998 Miss American Angus.

SY OLSON, Hereford, Texas, is the son of Steve and Ginger Olson. He has held several leadership positions in the Texas Junior Angus Association. He is also active in campus activities at Texas A&M University, College Station, where he is pursuing an animal science degree.

ALLISON PORTER, Jefferson, Ga., is a junior studying nursing at Mercer University in Macon, Ga., with the goal of obtaining a master's degree in physical therapy. She has served as president and queen of the Georgia Junior Angus Association. She is the daughter of Melvin and Donna Porter.

SONYA SMITH, Lebanon, Tenn., is the daughter of Quintin and Vicki Smith. She has been involved in the Tennessee Junior Angus Association. She is an active student at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., where she is a senior in criminal justice and mathematics.



Officers and Directors of the National Junior Angus Association (pictured front row, l to r) are **Melissa Pickrell**, Paris, Ky., chairman; **Julie Dameron**, Lexington, Ill., vice chairman; **Lindsey Trosper**, Hamilton, Mo., communications director; **Garrett Pohlman**, Norfolk, Neb., Foundation director; **Julie Scarlett**, Snow Camp, N.C., leadership director; and **John Melton**, Bridgewater, Va., membership/information director. Additional Directors (pictured back row, l to r) are **Miranda Grissom**, Prague, Okla.; **Allison Porter**, Jefferson, Ga.; **Brandon Douglas**, Gentry, Ark.; **Sy Olson**, Hereford, Texas; **Sonya Smith**, Lebanon, Tenn.; and **Jamie Meyer**, Douglass, Kan. **James Fisher**, back right, is director of junior activities.