

AUXILIARY NOTES

by Cindy Ahearn, President, American Angus Auxiliary

Change for the Better

We have spent this last year identifying “the end-game.” We have listened to the membership, reviewed Bylaws, history, guidelines, committees, contests and programs.

We are making improvements to keep with changing times while ironing out the clarity of responsibilities and schedules with Angus Media and the Angus Foundation — all of which have resulted in maximizing and securing the mission and traditions of the Auxiliary. We have accomplished our objectives and will continue to focus on promoting our breed, providing opportunities for our next generation and representing all of our Angus members.

I would like to personally invite you to please join us in Reno, Nev., for our annual convention. Look for the schedule online.

The beautiful colors and cooler weather indicate we are coming to close another year. It is also a reminder to submit the Certificate of Achievements. Our juniors have been busy all year and we want to recognize them. Encourage them to complete the application and submit to Erica Styles at cestyles@nvc.net or Karla Knapp at knappangus@gmail.com by Nov. 1. Watch our Auxiliary Facebook posting for an online application.

Excitement continues to build over the upcoming Full Circle Online Auction Nov. 6-7. See page 211 for details.

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Proposed Bylaws 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 ballot shall elect the Regional Directors.

Section 4.2 President

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 a term of two years but no more than two consecutive terms. 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

The Scholarship Committee shall consist of eight members. The President-elect shall be Chair. The eight members shall be 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, the individual appointed to fill the vacancy shall only serve the remaining term of the vacating member.

ARTICLE VIII Nominations and Elections Section

Section 8.1 Nomination Committee

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. The names of nominees who consent to accept the position and complete an information form will be placed on the Regional Director ballot. The ballots for each region electing a director will be 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 ballots returned by U.S. mail, electronic methods or such other method as approved by the Executive Board. **AJ**