

# Auxiliary Elects Officers

## New leadership team selected during the Auxiliary's 2013 Annual Meeting.

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**C**ommitted to serving the Angus breed and its future generations, the American Angus Auxiliary has played a central role in the American Angus Association for more than 60 years. The volunteer organization recently celebrated that tradition during Angus events hosted in conjunction with the 2013 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

The American Angus Auxiliary elected the 2013-2014 officers and regional directors during its Annual Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Members of the newly-elected officer team are: Cortney Holshouser, Castalia, N.C., president; Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan.,

president-elect; Carla Malson, Parma, Idaho, secretary-treasurer; and Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, Modoc, Ind., advisor.

**Cortney Holshouser** hails from Castalia, N.C. She has served as an officer of the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary for six years, and she and her husband, Karl, have been advisors to the North Carolina Junior Angus Association. Together, they manage Castalia Cattle Co., where they offer custom flush and embryo transfer work.

"It is an honor to be part of the organization that has helped shape my life, and is continuing to influence the future of the breed," Holshouser says. "I look forward to serving in this capacity, and seeing the Auxiliary grow in the year to come."

**Lynne Hinrichsen** has served as president of the Kansas Angus Auxiliary, regional director for the American Angus Auxiliary, and is a member of the Kansas Angus Association. Along with her husband, Ron, and children, Cale and Eva, the Hinrichsen family raises Angus cattle on R&L Ranch in Westmoreland, Kan.

Members welcomed **Carla Malson** to the officer team. She and her husband, Mark, and family manage Malson Angus and Herefords. Malson has served as advisor for the Idaho and Western States Junior Angus

associations, and president of the Western States Angus Auxiliary.

Retiring President **Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates** and her husband, Tyler, manage Cates Farms in Modoc, Ind. As Auxiliary advisor, she is responsible for updating the Auxiliary guidelines for officers and committees and will serve as chairman of the Distinguished Woman and Nomination committees.

The Auxiliary's 2013 regional directors are: Region 1, Kathy Dubs, Montana; Region 2, Cindy Ahearn, Texas; Region 3, Shally Rogen, South Dakota; Region 4, Melanie Kiani, Mississippi; Region 5, Rachel Frost, Illinois; and Region 6, Marlene Dukehart, Maryland.

Regional directors are a source of information for interested members throughout the country.

### Annual breakfast

The Auxiliary welcomed 2013 NAILE participants to its Annual Breakfast Sunday, Nov. 17, in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

While eating, the nearly 200 guests were entertained by a vocal performance from junior Angus member Taylor Gazda of Athens, Ga. Afterward, attendees listened to the 2013 Miss American Angus Esther McCabe's retiring address.

To conclude the event, the Auxiliary welcomed Thomas Burke, Smithville, Mo., to the stage to announce the Angus Hall of Fame \$10,000 donation to the Auxiliary.

The American Angus Auxiliary consists of individuals interested in the welfare of the Angus breed. Its members work to provide educational activities for junior Angus members, such as scholarship programs, awards and competitions. For more information about the American Angus Auxiliary, visit [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).



**Editor's Note:** Carrie Heitman is communications coordinator for the American Angus Association.



► 2013 Miss American Angus Esther McCabe shared memories from her year wearing the crown.

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