



# At the Helm

National Junior Angus Association leaders elected in Indianapolis.

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Junior Angus members from coast to coast and all regions in between gathered July 9-15 in Indianapolis, Ind., for the annual meeting of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). The meeting takes place in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) each year.

Voting delegates elected six new directors to the NJAA Board. Candidates from 13 states ran for the six open positions. Delegates cast their ballots for six candidates who each submitted a résumé, gave a presentation and completed roundtable interviews. Brief biographies of new directors follow.

**Justin Brosey** is the 20-year-old son of Daniel and Pam Brosey from Hamilton, Ohio. He attends Morehead State University and is majoring in special education and

elementary education. At college he is involved in collegiate FFA, the Teacher Education Program and the Baptist Student Union. He is president of the Ohio Junior Angus Association and has participated in numerous activities at the state, regional and national levels.

**Joseph Epperly**, Moneta, Va., is the 20-year-old son of Albert and Susan Epperly. He attends Virginia Tech and is studying civil engineering. He is a member of the Virginia Tech livestock judging team and was a member of the second-place animal science quadrathlon team. He has been active in the Angus breed at various levels, and is past president of the Virginia Junior Angus Association.

**Andrew Foster** is the 20-year-old son of Scott and Elaine Foster and hails from Niles,

Mich. He attends Southwestern Michigan College and is majoring in ag business. He is past president of the Michigan Junior Angus Association and served on the Atlantic National Junior Advisory Council. His future plans include transferring to Michigan State University to major in ag economics and beef management.

**Dana May**, Mineral Point, Wis., is the 20-year-old daughter of Gregg May and Cathy Kaiser. She attends the University of Wisconsin and majors in psychology with a pre-medical emphasis. She is a member of the Saddle & Sirloin club, and the Health Occupations Students of America organization. Dana is president of the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association where she created a mentoring program.

**Rebecca Tokach** is the 19-year-old daughter of Richard and Kathy Tokach of Saint Anthony, N.D. She attends Kansas State University, where she majors in animal sciences & industry. She is a member of Block & Bridle, College of Ag Council and Collegiate Cattlewomen. Rebecca is secretary of the North Dakota Junior Angus Association and is active on the state and national levels.

**Kara Wilson**, Orleans, Ind., is the 19-year-old daughter of Loran and Kathy Wilson. She is majoring in ag communications and advertising at the University of Kentucky, where she is on the Dean's List and is an active member of Block & Bridle. She is past president of the Indiana Junior Angus Association, and is currently third vice president. She was a member of the 2006 NJAS welcoming committee.

## Officers named

The new NJAA Board members were announced during the awards ceremony Friday, July 14, along with the new officers, beginning the second year of their two-year term. Leading the NJAA for 2006-2007 are **Alex Tolbert**, Nicholson, Ga., chairman; **Tracee Veenstra**, Springfield, Minn., vice chairman; **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, La., communications director; **Amanda Schnoor**, Chowchilla, Calif., Foundation director; **Kindra Wood**, Holly Pond, Ala., leadership director; and **Zebadiah Gray**, Toledo, Iowa, membership director.

The NJAA Board of Directors develops and organizes leadership programs for more than 10,000 members of the NJAA. For more information about junior programs, go to [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info).

► **Above:** Elected to the NJAA Board of Directors are (seated, from left) **Alex Tolbert**, Nicholson, Ga., chairman; **Tracee Veenstra**, Springfield, Minn., vice chairman; **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, La., communications director; **Amanda Schnoor**, Chowchilla, Calif., Foundation director; **Kindra Wood**, Holly Pond, Ala., leadership director; **Zebadiah Gray**, Toledo, Iowa, membership director; (standing, from left) **Joseph Epperly**, Moneta, Va.; **Andrew Foster**, Niles, Mich.; **Justin Brosey**, Hamilton, Ohio; **Dana May**, Mineral Point, Wis.; **Rebecca Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D.; and **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, Ind.

