

AUXILIARY ROUNDS OUT 70-YEAR CELEBRATION

American Angus Auxiliary welcomes new leadership, celebrates history and camaraderie at Angus Convention.

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For 70 years, the American Angus Auxiliary has offered Angus enthusiasts the opportunity to work together to provide educational, promotional and social programs. Members gather at Angus Convention to discuss future efforts and raise funds for the next generations. The Auxiliary hosted its Annual Meeting, Miss American Angus competition and Auxiliary Breakfast in conjunction with the 2022 Angus Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

During the Auxiliary Annual Meeting, members elected new directors and officers and voted on changes to bylaws.

The 2022-2023 officers and directors are Julie Conover, Holden, Mo., president; Karla Knapp, Bloomfield, Iowa, president elect; Tonya Rae Theis, Leavenworth, Kan., secretary/treasurer; Deanna Hofing, Coatesville, Ind., advisor; Cindy Worthington, Waterford, Calif., Region 1; Megan Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas, Region 2; Stacy Erdmann, Lisbon, N.D., Region 3; Christy Perdue, Louisburg, N.C., Region 4; Rebecca Knott, Laotto, Ind., Region 5; and Valerie Trowbridge, Meshoppen, Pa., Region 6.

In the Miss American Angus competition, five young ladies underwent a written quiz and an interview and presented a speech to a panel of judges. This year's



THE AMERICAN ANGUS AUXILIARY OFFICERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS AT THE AUXILIARY BREAKFAST (from left) are Stacy Erdmann, Cindy Worthington, Deanna Hofing, Tonya Rae Theis, Karla Knapp, Julie Conover, Megan Ahearn, Valerie Trowbridge and Christy Perdue.

contestants included Allison Davis, Shelbyville, Tenn.; Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green, Mo.; Lizzie Schafer, Owaneco, Ill.; Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, Kan.; and Hailey Jentz, Belmont, Wis. The 2022 Miss American Angus, Mary Wood, concluded her reign by crowning Kelsey Theis as her successor.

The Auxiliary, in its 70th year, honored their work and the dedication of women before them to strengthen their organization and its devotion to Angus youth. In final celebration, the Auxiliary auctioned a CJ Brown painting, which included depictions of 29 notable Angus cow families and all 68 past presidents. The original painting sold for \$8,000, along with five custom artist proofs,

which totaled \$5,100.

“Our 70th year was a fantastic time to celebrate the Auxiliary’s achievements. I am thankful, grateful and humbled by having the opportunity to be the 70th anniversary president,” said Deanna Hofing, 2021-2022 president. “This year was the first time we participated in the National Junior Angus Show tailgate party, the first time we were able to provide \$20,000 in scholarships and the first year of the Miss American Angus advocacy program.”

Looking forward, the Auxiliary plans to continue providing juniors ample learning and leadership opportunities. **AJ**