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Seeking Board candidates

The American Hereford Association (AHA) nominating committee's responsibility is to identify six candidates to run for the three Board positions that are selected during the AHA Annual Membership Meeting.

See "AHA election process" sidebar for more information. To make a

Director recommendation, contact one of the following committee members:

- Wes Hudson, chairman, Harrison, Ark., 870-741-8729
- Kyle Perez, Nara Visa, N.M., 575-403-7971
- Mark Largent, Kaycee, Wyo., 307-738-2443

- Jason Hoffman, Thedford, Neb., 530-604-5096
- Gene Steiner, Mason, Ohio, 513-398-9188

Watch for Delegate Nomination Postcards
Postcards were mailed to all AHA members in late April. Replies must be postmarked by May 31, 2010.

AHA election process

Each year three American Hereford Association (AHA) Directors retire from the Board and three new Directors are elected to succeed them.

The election procedure is a multi-step process.

1) Nomination of board candidates – The AHA Board of Directors executive committee selects a five-member nominating committee at-large to nominate a slate of six Director candidates.

2) Election of voting delegates – Each state elects voting delegates to attend the AHA Annual Meeting in Kansas City to vote on the slate of nominees.

Each state is entitled to one delegate for every 750 Hereford registrations recorded from June 1-May 31. A state must have a minimum of 375 registrations to be entitled to one delegate. If the number of registrations exceeds 750 or any multiple thereof by 375 or more, the state will be entitled to an additional delegate or delegates.

3) State election of voting delegates – In late April, delegate nomination postcards are mailed to all AHA members. Replies must be postmarked by May 31.

Each active member is asked to nominate one state candidate to be elected to serve as a delegate to the AHA Annual Meeting. An active member is defined as a member

that registered at least one animal in the previous calendar year preceding the year of the election.

A state delegate ballot will be sent to each active member to vote from a list of state nominees. Each active member will vote for the entitled number of state delegates. Each state is entitled to a number of delegates based on registration count and membership count in the previous year's registration period. A minimum of 375 registration is required for the first delegate and then for every 750 registrations thereafter an additional delegate is added. In addition, each state is allocated a delegate for the first 25 members and an additional delegate for every 100 members there after.

Weighted votes

Each member delegate vote will be weighted based on the individual's registrations as follows:

Number of registrations	Weighted votes
1-20	1
51-100	15
101-200	30
More than 200	60

Principal place of doing business

Each active member must vote in the state that is his or her principal place of doing Hereford business, i.e. ranch or farm address must be in the same state in which he or she is voting.

Election schedule

- April AHA mails delegate nomination postcards
- May 31 Deadline for nominating delegates
- July Delegate ballot will be sent out to each active member. Each active member will be asked to vote for the corresponding number of delegate candidates allocated to each state.
- August 15 Deadline for returning ballots
- October 1 Announcement of elected state delegates.
- November Election of Directors by the delegates will take place at the assembly of state delegates during the AHA Annual Meeting in Kansas City. **HW**

Voting quadrants for AHA Board of Directors



The U.S. is divided into four regions of representation, and each region will have at least one director.

Enter JNHE online

The 2010 Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) will be July 3-10 in Indianapolis. See Page 36 for a schedule of events and other JNHE information.

Entry packets were mailed to active junior members in April. Electronic versions of the forms can be found at *JrHereford.org*. Online entries are also being accepted at *HerefordJuniorNational.com*.

Final ownership and entry deadline is May 20, but animals purchased in Hereford production sales after May 20 will be accepted until June 1.

Duysen hired as junior activities intern

Corey Ann Duysen will serve as the AHA junior activities intern this summer. Duysen grew up showing livestock and is a recent graduate of Oklahoma State University's (OSU) agricultural communications program.

Duysen, from Porterville, Calif., was very active in the livestock industry as a youth, showing cattle, sheep and hogs. She got started helping on her grandparents' ranch and remains active in the cattle industry after retaining the heifers she showed and growing her own herd. Duysen was active in the California Junior Livestock Association and served on its board of directors.

Also involved in college, Duysen served as a chapter and national Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow officer. She worked with the New Product Development Center at OSU as a marketing communications intern. Duysen has also gained experience working in the livestock publications division of the State Fair of Texas and Browarny and Show Champion's Photography at the Tulsa State Fair.

AHA Youth Activities Director Amy Cowan says, "I am very excited to have Corey join the Hereford team this summer. She is very talented and brings some outstanding communication, marketing and showing experience to the internship. She will be a big asset at the Junior National Hereford Expo, Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel (PRIDE) Convention, and in working with the junior participants and their families."

Duysen plans to continue her education, following the internship, by pursuing a master's degree in agricultural communications at Texas Tech University. **HW**