

NHW Seeks Members, Leaders

Diversity by definition in Webster's dictionary is the condition of having or being composed of differing elements: the inclusion of different types of people in a group or organization. The Hereford industry including the American Hereford Association (AHA) and the National Hereford Women (NHW) have the benefit of being diverse organizations. What this brings to the table is nothing short of sheer endless possibilities.

The NHW is presently in its third year. The past two years have been history-making times. NHW members have several new projects and programs in planning that we are excited about.

We utilize all of the resources that our board members bring with them. A group can do amazing things when it combines the knowledge, experience, education, initiative and drive of women who all share a common passion for children and Hereford cattle. Within this small organization, we utilized the strengths and skills of teachers, business owners, descendants of multi-generations of Hereford ranchers, journalists, home economists, mothers, grandmothers, administrators, event planners,

executives, executive secretaries, and owners and operators of Hereford ranches and farms.

All of these ladies possess leadership skills. The leadership is imperative in order for the continued success and perpetual growth of the NHW. And we are always seeking new ideas and concepts to generate funds for the continuation of our youth enrichment and reward programs.

Strong leadership guides the NHW board with its many endeavors. The 2013 director elections are on the horizon when NHW members meet for its annual meetings in Kansas City this fall.

Five directors will retire: Denise Billman, Newcomerstown, Ohio; Paula Acheson, Woodbine, Kan.; Jill Bielema, Ada, Mich.; Shellie Collins, Chattanooga, Okla; and Gay Maddox, Zionsville, Ind.

New directors are key to the NHW board fulfilling its annual objectives and goals. The board's nominating chair, Shellie Collins, asks members to remember some key elements of the nomination process: NHW director election information and candidate qualifications are in Article 5 of the NHW bylaws. The bylaws may be downloaded from the NHW website, *HerefordWomen.com*, or members can get a copy by e-mail from their regional director.

NHW members may nominate up to three candidates, ranked in order of preference. Members must provide the name, state of residence, telephone number and e-mail address, if possible, along with a letter providing qualifications that make each woman a good nominee.

A quick review of candidate qualifications includes:

- Be a member in good standing
- Be able to adjust private life to meet organizational responsibilities
- Attend scheduled meetings

- Participate in promoting Hereford breed and encouraging Hereford youth
 - Encourage other members to become involved in NHW
- Nominations are due Aug. 15.

Nominations no longer have to be sent to an NHW-secured CPA. They are to be sent directly to one member of the nominating committee. The 2012-13 NHW nominating committee includes:

Nominating chair – Shellie Collins
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Northwest area – Darla Moore
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Southwest area – Kathy Buchholz
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Southeast area – Martha Boyd
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Northeast area – Karen Morrison
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New members welcome

New members are always welcome and can complete the membership form located on the NHW website.

National dues of \$20 are due annually by July 15 or at the Junior National Hereford Expo, whichever comes first. You may wish to pay through your state's organization or by sending them to Paula Acheson, membership chair, 3 North Chicago, Box 86, Woodbine, KS 67492.

Getting active in the organization is easy, and there are many ways to lend a hand whether at a national event or more local or regional venue where Herefords are represented.

Play a vital role in your organization by nominating yourself or another woman to serve on the NHW board. **HW**

National Hereford Women

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President – Denise Billman, *Newcomerstown, Ohio*

President elect – Lauren Echols, *Arlington, Va.*

Vice president/membership chairwoman – Paula Acheson, *Woodbine, Kan.*

Secretary – Susan Hayhurst, *Terre Haute, Ind.*

Treasurer – Shellie Collins, *Chattanooga, Okla.*

Assistant treasurer – Beth Blinson, *Buies Creek, N.C.*

Parliamentarian – Beth Burns, *Pikeville, Tenn.*

Historian – Lori Riffel-Hambright, *Chapman, Kan.*

Queen co-chairwomen – Jill Bielema, *Ada, Mich.;*

Carol Preifert, *St. Joseph, Mich.*

Ways and means chairwoman – Denise Billman

Communications – Lori Riffel-Hambright

DIRECTORS

Mary Ann Berg, *Dalton, Ohio (ex officio)*

Gay Maddox, *Zionsville, Ind.*

Shannon Mehaffey, *Grandview, Texas*

Alise Nolan, *Gilmer, Texas*

Catie Sims, *Oklahoma City, Okla.*