

Hereford Women | Stay Involved

by **Maddee Moore**

Four years ago, during the Junior National Hereford Expo in Kansas City, Mo., I was approached about serving on the National Hereford Women (NHW) board of directors.

At first I thought, "I am not old enough," as I was fresh off my junior career. But soon I realized how in need I was of a way to stay involved with the Hereford breed while I was starting my career 1,500 miles away from the ranch.

The NHW met that need for breed involvement, while expanding my skill set, building my portfolio and not to mention the exponential growth my personal network has experienced.

While I write my final article on the 2017 NHW Annual Meeting and American Royal Highlights, my advice to all current and future NHW members is do not miss a chance to become involved and share



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ideas with the NHW as the future has endless possibilities.

A highlight of every American Royal is the National Hereford Queen program and the selection of the new queen. This year, seven girls from across the nation ran for the coveted title. A total of nine state queens were in attendance to assist with classes and ring presentations.

New for 2017, the NHW moved the official selection of the National Hereford Queen to between the heifer and bull shows. This change has allowed more time for the reigning National Hereford Queen to work with the newly crowned queen.

Committed to leadership

As the NHW commitment to continually find new ways to add value to the organization and our members, a change has been made to our national meeting to include a guest speaker. During the 2017 Annual Meeting, Sarah Beth Aubrey spoke about her experiences in leadership, being a career women and of course all of this tied to Hereford cattle.

"Serving on the NHW Board of Directors has been a pleasure

and I am thankful to have had such a wonderful opportunity," says Suzanne Matheny of Mays Lick, Ky. She and Michelle Beran of Claflin, Kan., along with myself, have officially retired from the NHW board of directors.

We are excited for the next three women to serve the NHW throughout their term. With retiring board members, we look to the next group of leaders in the organization. Incoming president is Rhonda Eck, Putnam, Okla., and Jill Folkman, Ixonia, Wis., will be serving as ex officio.

The NHW thanks you all for attending our annual meeting and supporting us throughout the last year. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact us through the NHW email listed below, on Facebook or any of the board members about questions or ideas.

Dues can be paid at any point throughout the year. A membership form can be found on the website or emailed to you. Email questions to nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com. Dues and membership forms can be sent to Karen Smith at P.O. Box 1225, Gatesville, TX 76528. **HW**



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