

Hereford Women | Exciting Times Ahead

by Barbara Metch

As we prepare for the Annual Meeting, I look back over my four years on the National Hereford Women (NHW) board. I have so enjoyed creating new and different ideas for fundraising to support our efforts like scholarships, grill off, speeches and queens. I will miss getting to know the girls. I enjoyed making new friends of all ages, from all states and working to give back to the Hereford family. I feel we left the NHW board in a better place with an atmosphere for a brighter future.

In 2015, recipes promoting *Certified Hereford Beef*® through our own dishes became a part of the NHW website. Let's add to those recipes during the NHW board meeting at the American Hereford Association Annual Meeting Oct. 26, at 11:15 a.m. Bring your family's best beef recipe to post on our website. Your name will be added to a drawing for a Hereford item for each recipe submitted.

Your name will also be added to that drawing if you are a new member or if you bring a new member. We increased our membership last year, and we would love to do so again in 2019.

NHW will be voting for new board members at its annual meeting. The nominating committee spent long hours going through applications. The three candidates on the ballot are: Nikki Rogers, Wash.; Shannon Worrell, Texas; and Betsy Pitstick, Ohio. Please come out to the meeting to vote and to see the presentation of the NHW Woman of the Year presented. I wish the best of luck to these ladies!

There will also be a change in bylaws presented and voted on in our meeting. Please look for our newsletter to see the changing bylaw and the new wording recommended in its place.

As always, it was awesome to have 17 state queens working the week of Junior National Hereford Expo with National Hereford Queen Abbygail Pitstick this summer. I am so excited for the girls running for the next National Hereford Queen crown. We will announce the new queen on Sunday, Oct. 28, before the bull show starts at the American Royal show.

Become a member

If you're not a member of our organization and would like to be, please visit our website at HerefordWomen.com. A membership form can be found on the website or emailed to you. Please contact nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com with questions. Membership forms can be sent to Karen Smith at P.O. Box 1225, Gatesville, TX 76528. Dues can be paid at any point throughout the year.

Contact information for one of our 12 board of directors and more information about our organization can be found online.

See you on Kansas City! **HW**

Retiring board members

The National Hereford Women (NHW) is always so fortunate to have exceptional women from across the Hereford breed show interest and become engaged in the organization. When board terms end, it opens the door for new women to become involved. This year, three of our directors are retiring. We will miss Jill Folkman, Barbara Metch and Kim Herinckx greatly. They worked tirelessly to propel not only the NHW forward but also Hereford youth. **HW**



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