

NHW Gears Up for 2020

Each year in Kansas City, Mo., the American Hereford Association (AHA) has its Annual Membership Meeting and Conference in conjunction with the American Royal. The National Hereford Women (NHW) also host their annual meeting during this time. The NHW has been hard at work all year and was able to report back to its membership all the goals that were reached and surpassed in 2019.

Milestone achieved

First, last year the NHW set out to fully fund the National Queen Scholarship at \$200,000, which means a total of \$10,000 in scholarships would be award to the National Hereford Queen. Throughout the year, NHW members charged ahead and through many fundraisers we are happy to announce we successfully reached our goal! Thank you to all those who helped us reach this goal — we truly could not have done it without assistance from our membership and other Hereford enthusiasts.



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New board elected

Next, the NHW board welcomed three new board members while saying goodbye to three retiring board members. Please welcome Kathy Bryan, Callea Briener and Bridget Beran. These three ladies will dedicate their time, energy and resources to help the NHW continue its support of the Hereford breed and its youth for the next four years. We would also like to welcome Erika Evounik, Sandra Ostagaard's daughter, who will serve out her mother's board seat. A special thanks goes to Rhonda Eck (who spent five years on the board), Trudy Nolles and Karen Smith for their dedicated service to the NHW, and we look forward to their continued support.

The NHW proudly announces this year's nomination committee. From the Northwest we have Michelle Beran, Betsy Beck from the Northeast, Suzanne Matheny from the Southeast and Kathy Buchholz from the Southwest.

NHW Woman of the Year

During our meeting, the NHW Woman of the Year was awarded. This woman was very close to the hearts of all the NHW board this year. Sandra "Sandy" Ostagaard, an NHW board member, passed away this year shortly after our

spring board meeting. Nominated by the Ohio Hereford Women Association, Sandy was named NHW Woman of the year. She was loved by everyone and touched any life in a positive way. Sandy's family was with us at the board meeting to accept this award in her honor.

National Hereford Queen

With help from the recently retired National Hereford Queen, Miss Emily Meinhardt, we spent three long days interviewing and testing nine young ladies competing for the National Hereford Queen title. Miss Melanie Fishel, from North Carolina, was named the 2019-20 National Hereford Queen. Melanie will represent the NHW, the AHA and the Hereford breed at state and national Hereford shows for the next year. Congratulations to Melanie!

Become a member

Interested in becoming part of the NHW board? Applications are due Sept. 1, 2020, and can be emailed to nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com.

A membership form can be found on the website or emailed to you. Dues can be paid online at any point throughout the year. Please contact nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com with questions. **HW**



The 2019-20 National Hereford Women board of directors pictured (l to r) are: **Bonnie Reed**, Hampton, Minn.; **Callea Briener**, Alma, Kan.; **Erin Lockhart**, Bryan, Texas; **Erika Evoniuk**, Dayton, Ohio; **Nikki Rogers**, Eatonville, Wash.; **Amy Taylor**, Munford, Ky.; **Shannon Worrell**, Mason, Texas; **Sharon King**, Columbia, Miss.; **Dana Pieper**, Zurich, Kan.; **Kathy Bryan**, Garrison, Texas; **Betsy Pitstick**, S. Solon, Ohio; and **Bridget Beran**, Claffin, Kan.