

Spring AHA Board Meeting

The American Hereford Association Board of Directors met April 7-8 in Kansas City, Mo.

AHA Bylaws amendments

The Board voted unanimously to approve these amendments to the Bylaws of the American Hereford Association (AHA):

The Bylaws of the Association are hereby amended by deleting Article I in its entirety and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

Principal Office. *The principal office and location of American Hereford Association (the "Association") shall be in the metropolitan Kansas City area.*

The Bylaws of the Association are hereby amended by deleting Section 2 of Article IV in its entirety and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

Section 2. Annual Meeting of the Members. *The annual meeting of the members of the Association shall be held in the metropolitan Kansas City area during the American Royal show or during the week preceding the beginning thereof in each year, on such date and time and at such place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors and upon such notice as shall be required by these Bylaws.*

Certified Hereford Beef® (CHB)

Craig Bacon, Hampton Cornelius, Jim Williams, Bryce Schumann, Kerryann Kocher, Angie Krieger and Dennis Stiffler were approved unanimously to serve on the *Certified Hereford Beef* board of directors Feb. 20, 2026.

Show and sale

The Board unanimously approved recognizing the American Royal as a Level II national show and Cattlemen's Congress and the National Western Stock Show as Level I national shows.

The Board unanimously approved Josh Jasper as the auctioneer for the 2026 Ladies of the Royal Sale and Dustin Layton as the auctioneer for the 2027 National Hereford Sale at Cattlemen's Congress.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the recommended judges list for all 2026-27 national shows (view the list at Hereford.org).

By unanimous vote, the Board approved the list of judges submitted by the National Junior Hereford Association board of directors for junior shows hosted in conjunction with AHA national shows.

Gene Edit Task Force

The Board reviewed survey results presented by the Gene Edit Task Force. By majority vote, the Board passed a motion to table action until the AHA summer Board meeting.

Finance/audit

UMB Bank portfolio manager, David Kuebelbeck, and institutional relationship manager, Brande Anderson, reviewed the current investment policy and strategy for the AHA and Hereford Legacy Fund.

Member service

The Board voted unanimously to ratify the AHA Board election process.

Breed improvement

The Board supported unanimously that a CHB Sire of Distinction must be in the top 25 percentile for *Certified Hereford Beef* Index (CHB\$), have a minimum 25% accuracy for ribeye area (REA) and marbling (MARB) expected progeny differences, and have at least one progeny real harvest measurement or five progeny scan carcass measurements used in the AHA's genetic evaluation.

Marketing/communications

The Board voted unanimously to pass a motion to adopt the "Stamped for More" national advertising campaign.

Commercial programs

The Board voted unanimously to invest resources into further research of bovine congestive heart failure, real harvest measurements and CHB visual specs.

By a majority vote, the Board selected Crystal River Ranch in Colorado as the Hereford Commercial Producer of the Year. **HW**