



Kansas Charolais Association

Dear KCA Members,

I hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and that your New Year is blessed, too! As this year comes to a close, I look back on 2016 as it relates to our association. First, new officers were elected in May at the state junior show. Please see the updated list on the KCA website at: kansascharolais.com.

To help with promotional purposes, as you are out and about, take pictures of Charolais in the field and send to Curtis Ohlde or myself. We never have too many photographs that can be used throughout the year. Juniors, I would love to have your photographs in stock as well.

Curtis continues to manage and update the KCA FaceBook page — you can help him by emailing your spring sale information well in advance of when you would like it posted. Thank you for promoting the breed and the KCA, Curtis! Megan will also begin working with the fb page, so you can include her in your emails as you need items posted.

Spencer Schrader continues to serve at the national level as area 4 board of director for the AICA. Thank you, Spencer, for representing Kansas cattlemen and Charolais genetics. Should you need to contact Spencer, his information is listed on the KCA website.

A sincere thank you to the Strnad, Lewis, and Runft families for hosting the KCA Field Day this past year. It is a lot of work to organize, plan and host this event. *As an association, we do appreciate the effort so that we can continue the fellowship within our state of Charolais enthusiasts.*

Junior members that are serving at the national level through the AIJCA include Hadley Schotte, Marysville, and Mitch Duer, Onaga. Our state has a rich tradition of ensuring we are represented at the junior and senior level. Thank you to Hadley and Mitch for their work at this level.

Lastly, I encourage everyone to try to enlist at least one new member over the next year. This association is growing, and growing with a diverse membership. This leads to better promotion of the breed when a diverse population — from purebred to commercial cattlemen — is represented.

Megan Larson will begin taking over full secretary duties by the May board meeting. I cannot thank you all enough for the opportunity to have been the KCA secretary over the past few years. I have enjoyed getting to know each of you and will continue to do what I can to promote the KCA. Laci Schrader provided an amazing foundation for me to begin upon and I only hope some of that organization is left for Megan! If I can suggest one thing that members can do to help out the KCA secretary, it would be to share information! Along with the photographs, if you have good information on Charolais genetics, another member/breeder, your own operation, don't hesitate to email that to Megan and Curtis.

With sincere thanks,

Anna Barrett