

Dear members,

Thanks for the opportunity to participate in the ASA board meetings on April 18-21 in Bozeman, MT. All trustees were in attendance, including Jim Butcher, Jim Skillstead, Bob Lanting and myself to represent the western region. Some announcements and decisions to note are:

- The board voted to keep the ASA annual meeting and the Foundation auction in Denver in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show. It will no longer rotate. The next ASA annual meeting will be Sat. night, Jan. 15, 2011 at the Double Tree Hotel.
- The "national" show will continue to rotate between the 4 major shows. It is already scheduled to be in Denver in 2011. (FYI clarification: There is no "national sale" but there are state-sponsored sale held in conjunction with each major shows, including CSA's "The One" sale in Denver.)
- There was a rule added that no AJSA member participant may consume/be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol on the grounds of an AJSA events. A common sense rule that you'll see added to the youth sign-up forms for regionals and national classic. Speaking of which, that schedule is:
 - 2010** -- Western regional June 21-23 in Moses Lake, WA; South East regional June 9-12 in Springfield, MO; East regional June 16-19 in Meadville, PA and the national classic July 11-16 in Des Moines, IA.
 - 2011** – thus far Western regional June 15-18 in Tremonton, UT; North Central regional June 20-24 in Wausau, WI; and the national classic July 3-8 in Sedalia, MO
 - 2012** – thus far national classic July 1-6 in Chillochote, Ohio.

The above bulleted resolutions came from the activities & events committee, of which I'm a member. I also serve on the computer committee (which has made huge strides, you'll notice when you next use the ASA web site), and beef improvement committee (which is active in the carcass merit program and multi-breed EPDs). If I can help you in these or other areas, feel free to contact me.

Thanks for being a part of the Simmental family!

Susan Russell, ASA trustee from Colorado