



## AMERICAN-INTERNATIONAL CHAROLAIS ASSOCIATION

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### **AICA Board of Director Spring 2024 Meeting**

The AICA Board of Directors convened in Kansas City, Missouri to discuss and decide upon several agenda items vital to the health of the organization. Below are highlights of discussion items, further updates and full minutes can be found in the June/July issue of the Charolais Journal.

#### **Activities Committee**

- The committee reviewed and selected judges for the 2024-2025 National ROE Shows: American Royal Livestock Show; North American International Livestock Exposition; National Western Stock Show; National Western Stock Show Pens.
- Additionally, the committee discussed the AICA Paint and Powder Special Rule and performance measuring at the National ROE Shows. No action was taken.
- The 56<sup>th</sup> National Charolais Show was scheduled for February 1, 2025, in conjunction with the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo.

#### **Breed Improvement**

- AICA Recording Secretary, Maggie Smithee gave an update on database additions/changes.
- The committee voted to add a Color Dilutor Test option for \$25 and to accept outside lab results.
- Kelli Retallick, Angus Genetics Inc., gave an update on the AICA/CCA Joint Evaluation.
- The committee voted to utilize iGENDEC model and to accept the Robert Weaver PhD Genetic Consulting Proposal to update the AICA Terminal Sire Index.
- The committee voted to require untested AI Sires and Donor Dams born after January 1, 2020 to be tested for Bovine Progressive Ataxia beginning September 1, 2024.
- The committee discussed Bovine Progressive Ataxia Free by Pedigree protocols, although no action was taken.
- The committee discussed the Congestive Heart Failure Research being conducted at Simplot. The committee voted to allow AICA upon breeder request, to share genotypes with Simplot for their research.
- Discussion originated from the floor to explore a Yield Grade Genetic Selection Index. A sub-committee will be named to explore this and additional Trait Indexes.

#### **Commercial Committee**

- Updates were given on the Genetic Merit Pricing Task Force, Charolais Advantage Program, the Charolais Beef Marketing Initiatives, and the need to develop business plans with help of a consultant for a branded beef program. The committee voted to proceed with a proposal provided by the MeatLink Livestock and Meat Business Consulting Agreement.

#### **Executive Committee**

- CK Sales and Marketing was selected to manage the 46<sup>th</sup> National Sale (January 18, 2025, National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colorado).
- The Fall 2024 AICA Board of Directors Meeting and Committee Meetings were scheduled to be held with the American Royal National ROE Show and activities Sunday, October 27 and Monday, October 28, 2024 (American Royal, October 25 and 26).



## **A M E R I C A N - I N T E R N A T I O N A L   C H A R O L A I S   A S S O C I A T I O N**

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- The committee discussed AICA hosting the 2028 World Charolais Congress. A planning committee will be set at the Fall 2024 AICA Board of Directors Meeting to organize the event.
- The committee discussed policy for past due AICA/CPI accounts, and the following policy was set:
  - a. As of July 2024: Any Past Due balance over 90 days with the American-International Charolais Association (AICA) and/or Charolais Publications, Inc. (CPI) will be placed on Account Hold until payment is received. This will restrict AICA Registration activity and Online access to AICA.
- The committee reviewed a letter received from an AICA member regarding AICA Area alignment. Discussion followed. The AICA President will set a sub-committee made up of Board Members and staff to review AICA Area alignment.

### **Junior Council Committee**

- The Texas Junior Charolais Association will be hosting June 23-28, 2024 at the Cadence Bank Center, Belton, Texas.
- The Missouri Junior Charolais Breeders Association will be hosting the 2025 Junior Nationals on June 16-21, 2025 at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield, Missouri.
- Updates were provided on the 2024 VitaFerm CharFocus Youth Leadership Conference, July 22-25, in Iowa.

### **Rules & Ethics**

- The committee voted to approve the no less than 12.5% (1/8th) interest of ownership as being practiced by AICA (AICA Rules and Regulations, Article VIII, B. Ownership of Sire; C. Multiple Ownership of Females), applicable to both males and females registered.
- The committee voted to provide access to all meetings via Zoom or its equivalent.

### **Further Announcements**

- Rex Ricketts was inducted into the AICA Hall of Fame.
- The President's Award was presented to David Hobbs.