

AJCA and NAJ Officers and Directors Elected

Officers and directors for the two U.S. Jersey organizations were elected during the recently concluded annual meetings of the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA) and National All-Jersey Inc. (NAJ).

The meetings were held June 24 and 25, 2005, at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa.

AJCA Election Results

AJCA election results were announced by Ray Schooley, chair of the Inspectors of Elections. Of the 2,245 eligible members, 452 members voted by ballot or proxy or both.

Donald S. Sherman was elected to his second one-year term as President of the AJCA, with 434 votes. Along with his wife, Elsa, he owns and operates D&E Jerseys and D&E Jerseys Too, a 1,400-cow dairy in Hilmar, Calif. Sherman is one of the owners of Hilmar Cheese, the largest, single-site cheese and whey product manufacturing facility in the world.

At the meeting, Roger E. Marcoot, Greenville, Ill., retired as AJCA Director from the Seventh District after six years of service.

Succeeding him is Jim VanBuskirk, Carleton, Mich., who ran against Jeff Core, Salvisa, Ky., for the position. VanBuskirk received 255 votes and Core received 188 votes.

Re-elected for second three-year terms were Dennis A. Egelston, Fultonville, N.Y., from the Second District, who received 421 votes; Eric Lyon, Toledo, Iowa, from the Ninth District, who received 432 votes; and Scott Wickstrom, Hilmar, Calif., from the Twelfth District, who received 428 votes.

VanBuskirk and his wife, Jan, and son, David, own and operate JVB Red Hot Jerseys, a herd of 240 Registered Jerseys™. Egelston owns and operates Glen Meadows Farm, a 70-cow dairy, with his wife, Judy, and brother, Bill. Lyon is in a partnership with his father, Joe, and uncle, Stuart, in the ownership and operation of the 320-milking cow herd, Lyon Jerseys. Wickstrom and his father, Duane, and brother, Michael, own and operate Wickstrom Jersey Farms, Inc., milking 500 head of Registered Jerseys.

NAJ Election Results

NAJ election results were announced by David Chamberlain, Wyoming, N.Y., chair of the Teller's Committee.

James Ahlem, Hilmar, Calif., was elected to serve his fourth term as Director from District 2. He is the owner and

operator of James Ahlem Dairy, which milks 2,000 Registered Jerseys. Ahlem also is an owner of Hilmar Cheese Company.

Chamberlain, himself, was re-elected to serve as Director from District 3, a position he has served since 1996. Chamberlain and his brother, Greg, operate Hi-Land Farms, a herd of more than 1,200 Registered Jerseys.