



Legislative Comments

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MSCA Policy Resolutions

Local cattlemen associations and individual MSCA members are encouraged attend and to bring forward policy resolutions to the MSCA Policy Resolutions Committee meeting on Thursday Dec. 3rd 1:30 pm at Cragun's. The policy resolutions committee will review and format resolutions to be presented to the MSCA membership for consideration at the MSCA Annual Membership meeting on Saturday Dec. 5th.

Cattlemen and local associations should submit their proposed resolutions in writing to the MSCA Office - Attn: Steve May, 3901 Joppa Ave. South, St. Louis Park, MN 55416 or email: maysteve@comcast.net. Provide proposed resolutions by November 27th to ensure they can be assembled into the agenda for the resolutions committee meeting on Dec. 3rd.

Resolutions should be crisp and to the point. Identify the problem in a "Where as" statement and provide the solution in a "Therefore be it resolved" statement. Stick to a single subject per resolution and construct a resolved statement that provides a solution to the issue raised.

Provide any supporting data as an attachment to the resolution. Resolutions must be fact based and solution oriented, please do your home work.

While it's not mandatory that a representative be present at the meeting to speak to their resolution(s), it's extremely helpful. Often there are similar resolutions that require consolidation by the committee. It is very helpful if authors are there in person to answer questions about their resolution and assist the committee in the consolidation process.

All MSCA members are urged to attend and participate in the policy resolution committee meeting. This is where the detailed work takes place in the process of providing new MSCA policy resolutions.

The committee will also review all MSCA policy resolutions that are 5 years old and if still relevant update them or otherwise retire them. Please do some brain-storming on issues that need to be addressed. Draft them up and get them to the MSCA Policy Resolutions Committee for consideration.

Please consider attending the YFRC January 29-30, 2010. Registration details are provided below. MSCA cosponsors the YFRC. It's a great way to meet other folks involved in agriculture. The program for the young at heart, so don't be intimidated by the word "young" in the title. If I can be of assistance please let me know. Email: brian@schaferfarm.com or (651) 923-5415 Until Next Time, Brian Schafer

Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference

MSCA is again working with the Minnesota Farm Bureau to support the 2010 Young Framers & Ranchers Conference.

When: Jan 29 - 31, 2010

Where: Hilton Airport Mall of America Hotel, 3800 American Blvd. East, Bloomington, MN

Scholarships: Check with your local cattlemen's association and farm bureau chapter for the local availability of scholarships. The MN Corn Growers will be providing \$100 scholarships to the first 100 applicants. Recipients must be young farmers or ranchers who are Farm Bureau members and/or Minnesota Corn Growers members and attend the entire conference to be eligible for the scholarship.

Registration: Due no later than January 4, 2010 to MFB-YF&R Conference, PO Box 64370, St. Paul, MN 55164.

Registration Form & Info: www.fbmn.org or call (651) 768-2100.

Pre-Conference Tours: Start at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 29. Stops include CHS, UMN Vet Diagnostic Lab and the SUPERVALU Distribution Center.

Full Conference: \$215 per person (based on double occupancy; includes room, meals and materials)

Single room: \$210 per person

Conference Only: \$100 per person

One-day Registration: \$75 per person

Pre-Conf. Tours: \$25 per person

Children's Program: \$55

Minnesota's Largest Beef Industry Gathering



Bill Donald
NCBA Vice President

NCBA Vice President Bill Donald will address the MSCA convention on Saturday December 5th. Bill is a seasoned cattleman with a strong background of service to the industry. He is a third generation rancher from Melville, MT. Along with his family he owns and operates Cayuse Livestock Company, a cow-calf & yearling operation with headquarters located in the foothills of the Crazy Mountains in South Central Montana. Bill, wife Betsy and two sons, Josh and Wyatt are actively involved on the ranch.

Bill has long been active in cattlemen's issues and organizations. He is a founding member and served as the first president of the Crazy Mountain Stockgrower's Association. Bill is also a past president of the Montana Stockgrowers Association.

Always championing cattlemen's interests, Bill has never shied away from controversy. He has a reputation of calling a "spade a spade," and the ability to find a solution to even the toughest problems. He has served on the executive committee of R-CALF and has a dearth of experience with the National Cattleman's Beef Association (NCBA). Bill was an active member and then later chairman of the NCBA Policy committee. He also served as chairman of the NCBA Cow-Calf Council and is currently serving as the NCBA Vice President.

Ag Industry Regulatory Issues Panel

Dr. Alfredo DiCostanzo will moderate a panel discussion of State & National regulatory issues. Hear an update on current and future regulatory issues from MPCA, DNR, MN Dept. of Ag & NRCS representatives.

Dr. DiCostanzo will pose some hard hitting questions to the panel on regulatory issues. The panel will also be taking questions from audience. The Ag Regulatory Issues Panel will take place on Saturday afternoon.



Attention MN Beef Queens, Princesses & Ambassadors

Do you ever wish you could have kept that Beef Queen, Beef Princess, or Beef Ambassador banner? Well, here's your chance!

The MCW auction off the MN State Beef Queen, Beef Princess, and Beef Ambassador banners at the 2009 Minnesota State Cattlemen's and Cattle-Women's Annual Convention on Friday, evening Dec. 4 during the Benefit Auction.

The proceeds from the banner auction go to the Minnesota Beef Spokesperson Program. Here is a great chance to support today's youth representatives of the beef industry and own a coveted leather banner.

If you are unable to attend and would like to place a bid on the banners or wish to be bid by phone during the auction, please contact Linnea Wencl at (507) 583-2385 or Judy Tollefsrud at (507) 429-5871.



Bruce Hoffman, DVM

Controlling PI in the Cowherd

On Friday afternoon Dr. Bruce Hoffman, DVM will provide "The what is?" "How does it operate?" And, "how do you effectively deal with the persistently infected (PI) cattle threat." Hoffman has a huge amount of experience with PI. He understands how to deal with this "train wreck" health issue that can quickly destroy the value of a pen of cattle or even an entire cow-calf herd if it goes undetected and untreated.

Hoffman is president and co-founder of *Animal Profiling International*, an Oregon company devoted to "management over medicine" technologies. Previously Hoffman directed the Animal Health Profiling Program for OXIS International where he analyzed the use of oxidative stress biomarkers to sort cattle into defined health-risk groups.

Hoffman held positions as staff veterinarian and cattle manager for Harris Feeding Company. He was a leading consultant for major cattle feedlots in the U.S., and a general practitioner of veterinary medicine. He is active in veterinary organizations and also state and national cattle organizations.

He resides near Bozeman, MT with wife Karla and children Seth & Ellie. For more info visit: www.animalprofiling.com

MSCA Benefit Auction Preliminary Auction Bill

Here are just few advance consignments you will likely see at to MSCA's Benefit Auction Friday Evening December 4th, 2009

Garman – GPS NUVI-205 Auto Unit, Corn Gluten, ANGUS Semen, Bull Purchase Certificates ANGUS & LIMOUSIN, Pheasant Hunting Trip, Fishing Trip, Cragun's 2 Night Stay, Rd Bale Hay, Protein Lick Tubs, Beef Cattle Mineral, Feed Bunks, Rib-Eye Steaks, Hats, Coats, Gloves, MN Beef Queen/Princess Banners, Collector's Model Tractors, Sorting Sticks, Paddles & Flags, Oats Straw, Battery Charger, Fencing Supplies, Implants, Gift Ceramics, Christmas Items and more!

Enjoy a steak dinner and a fun filled evening at MSCA's benefit auction - If it's something to do with cattle, it will probably be on the auction block!