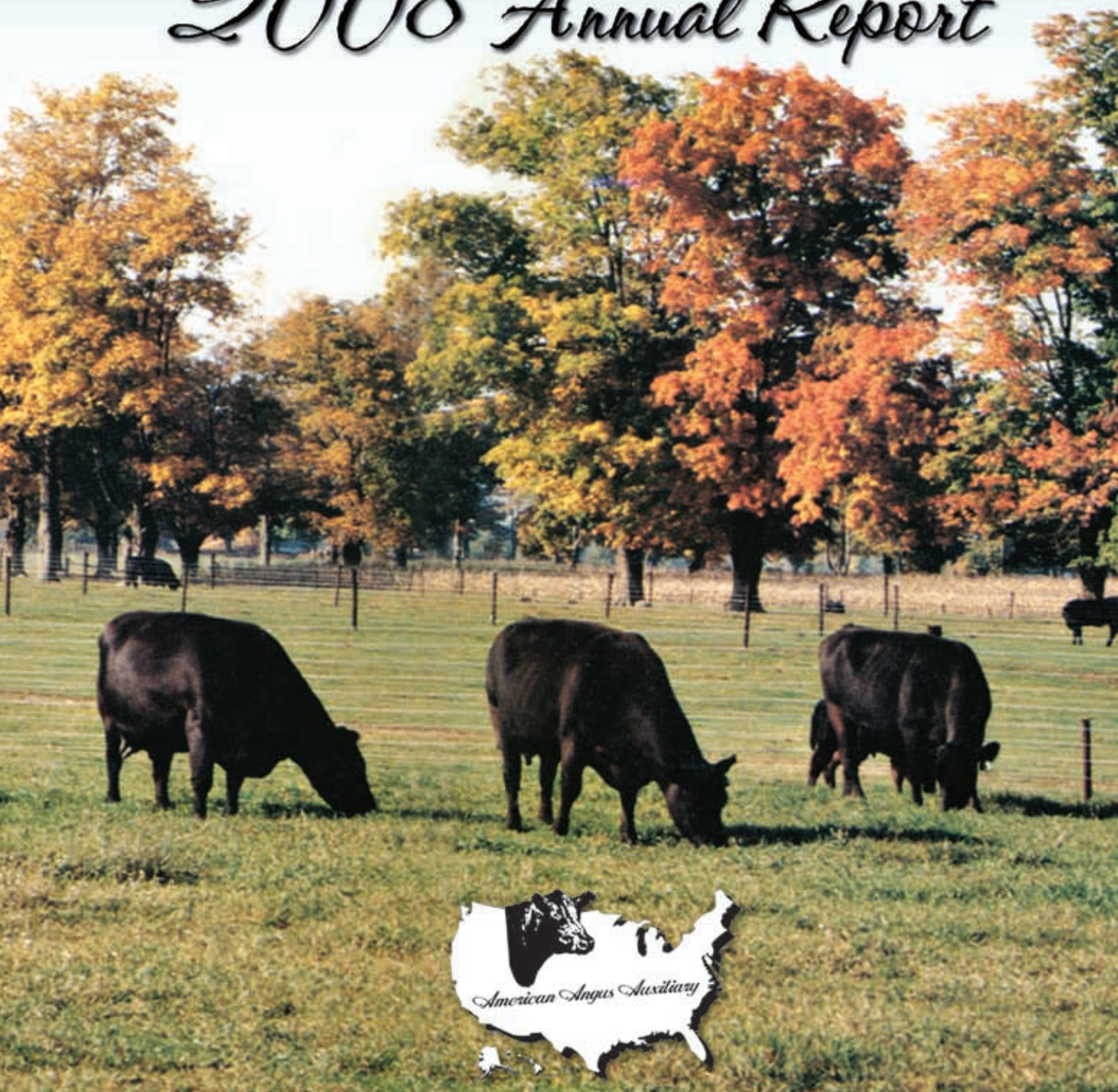


# American Angus Auxiliary 2008 Annual Report



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# Auxiliary Notes

by **Michelle Rieff**, president, American Angus Auxiliary



*"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right."*

— Henry Ford

## Make a difference

If only I had a dollar for every time I have said that quote to a student in my counseling office! In the American Angus Auxiliary we are a focused, positive group of individuals, all bringing our time and talents together for one purpose — the Angus breed and Angus youth. We believe we can make a difference. And we are right!

## What exactly do we do?

The Auxiliary provides opportunities for people interested in the welfare of the Angus breed to work together to provide educational, promotional, social programs and activities that promote Angus cattle and Angus youth. The Auxiliary's three primary purposes are to recognize Angus youth for their accomplishments, support the American Angus Association, and to promote Angus beef.

The Auxiliary sponsors scholarships to 10 Angus youth graduating from high school, the Janet Castle Crystal Award, the Silver Pitcher Award, the Showmanship Contest awards at the

National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), the Richard L. "Dick" Spader Extemporaneous Speaking Award (Senior Division), Miss American Angus, the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> (CAB<sup>®</sup>) Cook-Off, the Black Kettle Award, the Pat Grote Extemporaneous Speaking Award (Intermediate Division), Achievement Awards, and the Pat Grote Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Scholarship.

## Strong volunteer base

Auxiliary programs are successful because of the strong base of volunteers who give generously of their time and talents to promote Angus and Angus youth. Please take time to look over the committee chair list included in this annual report to see who these volunteers are who are leading the Auxiliary. These women are the foundation of the Auxiliary. We thank them and their other committee members for their service.

## Push to grow

Six regional directors were elected at the past Annual Meeting to assist with growing and developing the Auxiliary. The regional directors will work to update the Auxiliary's membership list, assist with beginning new state auxiliaries, and work with existing state auxiliaries to assist them in recruiting and retaining members. We welcome on board our new six regional directors!

- ▶ Region 1 Mary K. Vejraska, Washington

- ▶ Region 2 Annie Landry Viator, Texas
- ▶ Region 3 Lynne Hinrichsen, Kansas
- ▶ Region 4 Martha Holshouser, North Carolina
- ▶ Region 5 Leslie Mindemann, Wisconsin
- ▶ Region 6 Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Maryland

Regional directors are ready, willing and able to provide assistance in your state. Please contact your director for input on growing or enhancing your state auxiliary. Their names, contact information and states represented are listed on the committee chair page of this annual report. Their contact information can also be found on the Auxiliary web site, [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).

## A very special thank you to the Spader family

In celebration of past American Angus Association Executive Vice President Richard L. "Dick" Spader's life and support of youth in the Angus breed, the Spader family presented to the Auxiliary a registered Quarter Horse called Blue. The proceeds of the sale of the horse were donated to the American Angus Auxiliary scholarship fund. This generous donation will ensure future scholarships for Angus youth.

The Auxiliary wishes to thank the Spader family — Sheri, Jared, Brett and Alyssa — for this very special gift. Also a special thanks to Rich Masoner and family, Rhonda McCurry, Phil Trowbridge, Jerry Lehmann, and Stuart

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- ▶ **President** — Michelle Rieff, PO Box 923, Bentonville, AR 72712; 479-795-2584; michellerieff@aol.com
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▶ Elected to serve as American Angus Auxiliary officers are (from left) Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich., advisor; Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Ark., president; Kathi Creamer, Montrose, Colo., president-elect; and Barbara Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas, secretary-treasurer.

Wilson with American Live Stock Inc. for their contributions to the "Gift of the Horse."

### Achievement awards

Angus juniors may submit accomplishments to the Auxiliary to receive an Achievement Award certificate. All information must be received by the national chairpersons by Nov. 1. You may visit the Auxiliary web site to learn more about the Achievement Award at [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com). Chairpersons Erica Styles of South Dakota and Kerri Gleason of Texas will be happy to assist with any questions you might have.

### Scholarships

The Auxiliary scholarship program benefits outstanding Angus youth. Through the generous contributions of Angus breeders and supporters, we have once again been able to increase our scholarship amounts for 2009. Scholarships totaling \$15,000 will be awarded to five young men and five young women at the 2009 NJAS in Perry, Ga. First-place recipients will receive \$1,700; second place, \$1,600; third place, \$1,500; fourth place, \$1,400; and fifth place, \$1,300.

Scholarships are available to any current junior Angus member who will be graduating from high school in spring 2009, and who is pursuing a secondary education.

State scholarship contacts are listed in this annual report and also on our web site. Potential applicants should check with their state contact soon to learn of state deadlines. All applicants must first be judged on the state or regional level. Winning applications signed and submitted by the state contact will proceed on to the national competition.

The deadline for states to submit applications to the national scholarship chairperson is May 10, 2009. The scholarship application and guidelines can be found on the Auxiliary web site at [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com). Contact your state scholarship chairperson or the national chairperson, Kathi Creamer of Colorado, for more information. Creamer can be reached at 970-240-2798 or [lazyjb@rocketweb.net](mailto:lazyjb@rocketweb.net).

Many thanks go out to the state scholarship contacts and the national scholarship committee members for making this opportunity for youth possible. Hours and hours are spent by these volunteers accepting, refining and judging scholarship applications.



Claiming top honors at the 2008 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are **Jennifer Ann Smith**, Elysian Fields, Texas, first; **Lindsey White**, Staunton, Va., second; **Garrett Knebel**, Winamac, Ind., third; **Gretchen Frost**, Tallula, Ill., fourth; and **Lauren Moss**, Lancaster, Ky., fifth. Pictured are (from left) Holly Gamble Meier, Clinton, Tenn., judge; Donnie Robertson, Yukon, Okla., judge; Smith; White; Knebel; Frost; Moss; and Jim Pipkin, Republic, Mo., judge. Each of the top five finishers received a cash prize from the Hamilton James Memorial Fund and a silver Revere bowl from the American Angus Auxiliary.



**Ransom Gardiner** (center), Ashland, Kan., and **Hannah McCabe** (right), Elk City, Kan., receive Janet Castle Crystal Awards from Cathy Watkins on behalf of the American Angus Auxiliary. The awards are presented by the Auxiliary to the top boy and top girl in contest performance.



**Katie Gazda**, 2009 Miss American Angus.

### Historian

Auxiliary Historian Sheri Tunstill is requesting items from all state Auxiliary members. She is in need of articles and photos from their respective states. Please mail items to her at 10978 S. Whitehouse Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72701. Auxiliary scrapbooks are archived at the American Angus Association. They provide a rich history of the work of the Auxiliary, Angus youth and the Angus breed.

### Please join us

If you are not currently a member of the American Angus Auxiliary, we invite

you to join us to help promote Angus youth and Angus cattle. You can find membership information and an application on the Auxiliary web site at [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com). Membership applications and dues should be mailed to our membership chairperson, Pam Patterson of Montana. Call her at 406-445-2332 if you have a question. Take this opportunity to get involved and to make a difference.

*Michelle Rieff*

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**Region 3** — Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan. (Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska)

**Region 4** — Martha Holshouser, Gold Hill, N.C. (Missouri,

Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida)

**Region 5** — Leslie Mindemann, Sullivan, Wis. (Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky)

**Region 6** — Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, Md. (Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, District of Columbia)



# Auxiliary 2008 Annual Meeting

Minutes of the 2008 American Angus Auxiliary  
general membership meeting.

by **Kathi Creamer**, secretary-treasurer, American Angus Auxiliary

On Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, President Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich., called the 57th Annual Meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary to order at 3:12 p.m., at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville, Ky. Copies of the agenda, secretary's report, treasurer's report, state contact information and committee reports were available. There were 40 members and one guest present, and everyone introduced themselves. Thelen introduced the current Auxiliary officers.

**Secretary's report.** Secretary Kathi Creamer, Montrose, Colo., presented the minutes of the midyear meeting in July in Des Moines, Iowa. Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan., moved to approve the minutes. Sandra Wallace, Kansas, Ohio,

seconded the motion, and it carried.

**Treasurer's report.** Creamer presented the financial report, which was distributed to all members in attendance. It included the balance sheet, profits and losses, and the Angus Foundation Auxiliary Scholarship, Pat Grote Scholarship and Educational Awards Endowment Funds. Finance Chair Linda Brost, Harrodsburg, Ky., explained the financial statements. Ardyce O'Neill, Logan, Iowa, moved to accept the financial report. Wendy Petteway, Zolfo Springs, Fla., seconded the motion, and it carried.

**Angus Sale Barn/Holiday Room.** Cathy Miller, Luckey, Ohio, shared several items for sale in the Angus Sale Barn, including the special Auxiliary pin, handmade pottery mugs, baby T-shirts and blankets, and sterling silver jewelry. She offered a 10% discount on

merchandise to all Auxiliary members who wanted to work in the Holiday Room. Thelen thanked Miller for all her hard work and dedication to the very successful Angus Sale Barn.

## Committee and state reports

**Achievement Awards.** Sonja Martin, Lavaca, Ark., was unable to be in Louisville. Her written report noted a suggestion that the top 10 shows, activities, etc., be included on the certificate application. The application now lists the directions on the form.

**Crystal Awards.** Cathy Watkins, Middletown, Ind., was participating in the American Angus Association Board Meeting, but had submitted her written report. Hannah McCabe, Elk City, Kan., and Ransom Gardiner, Ashland, Kan., were this year's recipients of the Janet Castle Crystal Awards.

### American Angus Auxiliary Balance Sheet<sup>a</sup>

#### Assets

##### Current assets, checking/savings

General checking account	\$21,430.08
Angus Sale Barn, NCB account	5,559.75
<i>Total checking/savings</i>	<u>\$26,989.83</u>

##### Other current assets

Certificate of Deposit	9,892.61
<i>Total other current assets</i>	<u>9,892.61</u>

##### Total current assets

**\$36,882.44**

#### Fixed assets

Machinery & equipment	3,339.00
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	<u>\$3,339.00</u>

##### Total assets

**\$40,221.44**

#### Liabilities & equity

##### Liabilities, current liabilities

Credit cards	
National City Bank, Sale Barn	1,030.97
<i>Total credit cards</i>	<u>1,030.97</u>
<i>Total current liabilities</i>	<u>\$1,030.97</u>

##### Total liabilities

**\$1,030.97**

#### Equity

Unrestricted net assets	29,651.02
Net income	9,539.45
<i>Total equity</i>	<u>\$39,190.47</u>

##### Total liabilities & equity

**\$40,221.44**

<sup>a</sup>Balance sheet as of fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2008.

### American Angus Auxiliary 2009 Proposed Budget<sup>a</sup>

#### Income:

Annual Meeting, NJAS	\$5,600
Awards	0
Beef Education	3,200
Membership Dues	2,000
Miscellaneous	500
Miss American Angus Income	4,500
Miss American Angus Travel	5,000
Ways & Means	45,000
General Fund	5,000
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$70,800</u>

#### Expenses:

Annual Meeting, NJAS	\$5,600
Awards	1,000
Beef Education	3,200
Miscellaneous	1,400
Miss American Angus Expense	4,000
Miss American Angus Travel	6,000
Officer Expense	5,400
Committee Chair Expenses	3,000
Phone	1,300
Postage	4,000
Print/Supplies	1,500
Professional	2,400
Ways & Means	28,850
Web Site	150
Scholarship	3,000
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$70,800</u>

<sup>a</sup>The 2009 proposed budget is for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2008, through Sept. 30, 2009.

**Angus Foundation  
Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Fund  
Statement of Activity & Change in Net Assets<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Revenue:</b>	
Total contributions	<u>\$1,080.00</u>
<b>Investment income</b>	
Interest	7,699.17
Realized gains	16,311.39
Unrealized gains	(\$63,322.81)
Fees	(\$492.78)
Total Investment Income	<u>(\$39,805.03)</u>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b><u>(\$38,725.03)</u></b>
<b>Program costs:</b>	
Scholarships	\$12,000.00
<b>Change in net assets (\$50,725.03)</b>	
Net assets, beginning of year	\$296,895.07
Net assets, end of year	\$246,170.04

<sup>a</sup>Statement of activities and changes in net assets as of fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2008.

**Silver Pitcher Awards.** Barbara Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas, announced Katy Satrie, Montague, Texas, and Garrett Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif., received this year's Silver Pitcher Awards.

**Beef Education.** Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville, Ky., was very complimentary of the 2008 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) facilities, especially the acoustics. Schubert thanked everyone who helped this year and mentioned a need for volunteers to film the contests next year.

Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan., announced that anyone at any time can donate to the "Friends of the Black Kettle," which provides additional funds for the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> (CAB<sup>®</sup>) Cook-Off, including a special award to the highest-placing team. Lampe also noted that specially designed platters were given this year, and it is hoped that various plates will be given in future years.

**Miss American Angus.** Mary McCurry, Burrton, Kan., and Emily Mullen, Lawrence, Kan., introduced queen candidates Katie Gazda, Athens, Ga.; Megan Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas; Katrina Frey, Quarryville, Pa.; Kaley Bockhop, Belmont, Wis.; and Krystin Bachman, Lancaster, Ohio. Each of these young ladies spoke highly of their contest experience and thanked the Auxiliary and the Miss American Angus Committee.

McCurry announced that the speech theme was "The History I'm Making Today" and invited everyone to listen to the contestants' speeches at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. The current Miss American Angus, Danielle Foster, Niles, Mich., expressed her gratitude to the Auxiliary;

her grandmother, Lois Foster; and her parents for their support and the opportunity to represent the Angus breed.

**Historian.** Lois Foster, Niles, Mich., announced that she is "hanging up her scissors and buying stock in Elmer's glue." Following her announcement that she was retiring from this committee, she presented President Nancy Thelen with a beautifully hand-crafted scrapbook. Foster reported that the scrapbook is "a reflection of the enthusiasm and effort by everyone who helped carry out this year's programs."

Sandra McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan., and Linda Brost, Harrodsburg, Ky., presented Lois with a gift from the Auxiliary in appreciation for the 15 years that Foster has crafted scrapbooks filled with Angus Auxiliary memories.

**Legislative & Bylaws.** Pam Bailey, Douglass, Kan., was unable to attend the meeting in Louisville. Her written report noted there were no bylaw revisions this year, and she had answered questions as needed.

**Liaison.** Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., noted that this was a great year working with Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and Angus Productions Inc. (API).

**Membership.** Pam Patterson, Columbus, Mont., was unable to be in Louisville. Her written report noted there were 14 new lifetime memberships in 2008. The mailing list was updated, and 650 flawed addresses were removed from the list. Patterson suggested a dues deadline of Feb. 15. The committee is also looking at sending a dues reminder.

**Angus Foundation  
Pat Grote Endowment Scholarship Fund  
Statement of Activity & Change in Net Assets<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Revenue:</b>	
Contributions	<u>\$8,760.00</u>
<b>Investment income</b>	
Interest	510.12
Realized gains	823.17
Unrealized gains	(4,058.72)
Fees	(34.82)
Total investment income	<u>(\$2,760.25)</u>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b><u>(\$5,999.75)</u></b>
<b>Program costs:</b>	
Sponsorships	350.00
Fundraiser costs	0.00
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b><u>(\$350.00)</u></b>
<b>Change in net assets \$5,649.75</b>	
Net assets, beginning of year	\$14,334.53
Net assets, end of year	\$19,984.28

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Discussion followed regarding a deadline for submitting dues. Dues are currently accepted from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Carla Malson, Parma, Idaho, suggested Feb. 15 would help in preparation for the Annual Meeting. Renee Driscoll, Williamsburg, Iowa, thought the current dates were satisfactory. Shirley Williams, Fort Smith, Ark., felt this was a critical issue, but was somewhat concerned with setting a deadline.

Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan., mentioned that state auxiliaries would then need to change their current process because state auxiliaries typically write one check for all members. Sandy Trospen, Hamilton, Mo., stated that we would have more members if they could pay at any time. Sandra Wallace suggested paying dues at the Annual Meeting for accountability. Anne Lampe suggested e-mails and postcards be sent out as reminders of dues. Malson asked about the nonactive memberships. Lampe said these memberships were made available years ago to members who weren't able to attend meetings or serve on committees.

Joan Lutchka, Grass Lake, Mich., felt the deadline should not be changed until state auxiliaries have had an opportunity to respond. Wallace suggested the Auxiliary work directly with the state auxiliaries. Yvonne Hinman, Malta, Mont., stated that Montana collects their dues in the fall, and states might stop collecting if the date is changed. Lampe

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