



Around THE WORLD

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I hope all of you are doing well and you have your winter supply of hay put up and are ready for fall weaning and breeding. By the time you receive this issue, we will be well into our fall run of sales. I just returned from my first sale this fall, the Inaugural Hayhook Limousin Production Sale. I hope it is a sign of more to come as 55 lots averaged an impressive \$4,889.

Fresh off the heels of the Democratic and Republican conventions, we all know change is in the air. No matter who is elected President of the United States of America, history will be made. Boundaries that some swore would never be crossed in our lifetime will be hurdled by one party or the other on election day.

It is always amazing to me, with all the bickering, negative advertising and mudslinging that goes on during the primaries, that a party can come together to back their nominee for the election. Then following the election, everyone comes together to accept the winner as the new leader of the United States of America.

I think all of this is for good reason. I believe everyone understands there is power in unity and that we are much stronger as a whole than we are divided.

I don't believe this pertains only to the largest entity in the good ol' USA either. It pertains to the church you belong to, your local school district and the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF).

NALF is the mother association of this breed—then there are several different branches that operate under its umbrella, such as state and regional associations. But, make no mistake about it, NALF is the engine that drives the train.

The good news is NALF is run by a board of directors that is voted on by *we the people*. We have qualified people on the board that *we the people* voted for in an election to guide and direct our association. We all know that sometimes tough decisions have to be made and they are not the most popular. But, we can rest assured they are being made by the folks elected by *we the people*.

Sometimes it is easy for us to lose sight of the countless hours and effort put forth by our leaders. It is easy to take the good for granted and criticize the bad. Most importantly, we need to be reminded that we have a say in it all—we have the right to vote.

Next time you see a board member or an employee of NALF, you might let them know you appreciate what they are doing for your association. After all, I think election time reminds us of the power in—UNITED WE STAND. **LW**