

Pres. Jay Hill opened the Colorado Simmental Association events at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 in a virtual setting due to coronavirus restrictions. About 20 people were on the Zoom call, either by phone or computer.

Pres. Hill presented honors. The *CSA Youth Herd Builder grant* went to Colbie Bruna, and the *CSA Youth Education grant* went to Sydney Baty. For county fair winners with overall grand champions that were SimGenetic females, Hill recognized Colbie Bruna, Bradie Midcap and John Woodward. Embroidered prizes were shipped.

The meeting marked CSA's 50th year, so three *Pioneer Awards* were announced. Gary Bogott of Niwot, who was CSA president in 2000-2002 and helped host the 2001 AJSA National Classic in Fort Collins, will be shipped an embroidered cowhide. McCormick & Sons also was recognized as a *Pioneer Award* recipient. The late Chuck McCormick was CSA's first president and each of his four grandchildren receiving framed cowhide awards. And, James O'Neal Jr., who was CSA's first secretary, was recognized as a *Pioneer Award* recipient and will be shipped an embroidered cowhide.

Hill called the 50th annual CSA business meeting to order. Curtis Russell moved and Willie Altenburg seconded to dispense with the reading and approve the 2019 annual minutes, which were displayed on the computer screen and found on the CSA website. Motion passed. Mitchell Jergensen moved and Jolynn Midcap seconded to accept the finance reports for both the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2019 and ending Sept. 30, 2020, as shown on the screen and highlighted by Susan Russell, secretary/treasurer. Motion passed.

Reports of CSA and CJSA events held in 2020 were given by Susan Russell. Colorado Cattlemen's Association report was given by Terry Fankhauser, CCA Executive Vice President, who touched on election results and legislative monitoring. He also thanked CSA for its generous donation to the building fund to restore the historic Exchange Building on the National Western Stock Show grounds. The American Simmental Association report was given by Dr. Wade Shafer, ASA Executive Vice-President. He highlighted programs including the new Calf Crop Genomics and the continued expansion and efforts of International Genetic Solutions. He also encouraged CSA members to turn in PAP scores to make the new PAP EPD more accurate, and he encouraged members to vote either by ballot or online in the ASA trustee elections under way.

There was no unfinished business. In new business, one director seat was open. Ron Mari, who was appointed to fill a term, was eligible for re-election, was nominated. Curtis Russell moved and Mick Meiklejohn seconded to elect Ron Mari for a 3-year director term by acclamation. Motion passed.

In announcements, Chad Cook is running for a 3-year term on the American Simmental board of trustees. Several members encouraged the membership to support Chad, as well as encourage other ASA members living in the Western Region to vote for him.

Pres. Hill adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., with the Zoom session continuing with other sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Russell Secretary/treasurer