

Policies & Procedures Committee
Annual Report/Summary
January 2014 ~ December 2014

Committee Members: Roger Finke - Chairman, Scott Cowger, Erika Kenner, Bob Lanting, Dale Miller, Cliff Orley, Susan Russell; Gene Summerlin, Legal contact, Steve McGuire, staff contact.

The Policies & Procedures Committee is responsible for the aspects of Association life that requires an interpretation of policy or procedure questions or the formulation of proposals that will have a bearing on membership of the Association.

In 2014 this Committee proposed 2 rule amendments to the Board of Trustees. The first amendment was to eliminate the additional requirement on Simmental percentage donor cows sired by a bull of another breed. The rule required such donors to be parentage confirmed to their dam. Often this meant obtaining a DNA sample on the dam of the donor at additional expense and time. Since this requirement does not apply to any other females in a donor program, the Committee felt it should be removed.

The second rule change proposal was to expand the Simmental percentage chart to allow for an animal from the mating of a Foundation registered parent to a registered $\frac{1}{8}$ Simmental parent to be registered as a Foundation animal. Until this rule change the animals produced from this mating were not eligible for registration even though both parents were registered with the Association.

The Board approved both of these rule amendments and they are being presented today for a membership vote.

The Committee also proposed and the Board approved a change to the fee for changing an animal's name. The new fee considers a name change a correction with a charge of \$5.00 to print a new certificate on animals up to 20 months of age. The fee is \$50.00 from 20 to 24 months of age and the fee remains \$1,000.00 for animals over 24 months of age. Previously once an animal was registered the fee to change its name was \$50.00 up to the age of 24 months. After which the fee is \$1000.00. This change only effects fees - not other restrictions that may apply to name changes.

The Committee also spent time this year discussing how best to utilize electronic voting as an option for members to nominate and elect trustees as well as vote on Rule and Bylaw amendments. The Committee's recommendations were approved by the Board. For the first time this past fall members had the opportunity to vote electronically if they chose to do so.

I would like to thank all the members of this committee for their hard work.

Mr. Chairman this concludes my report. I move that it be accepted into the Official Minutes of this Annual Meeting.

Roger Finke, Chairman
January 17, 2015