

## **ISA elects new officers, issues honorable citations at annual meeting**

October, 2020

For Immediate Release:

At their annual meeting, held virtually this year, the Indiana Sheep Association (ISA) elected a slate of officers:

- President – Larry Hopkins
- Vice President – Danielle Walker
- Secretary – Bernie Cripe
- Treasurer – David Greenburg
- ASI Director – Larry Hopkins
- Alternate Director – David Trotter
- Additional Directors – Traci Bultemeier, Brett Kessler, Duane Sickels

Also discussed were the several events which were cancelled this year due to COVID 19, including the Hoosier Sheep Symposium, to be held next September 18, 2021, and a shearing school to be held in late winter or early spring of next year. Additionally, events which will be new next year were announced, including a Shepherd's Campfire gathering on March 15 next year in Northern Indiana, a Chef's Conference on lamb to be held next fall, and a lambing school, which has not occurred in a few years, to be held next October.

The Make it With Wool Contest, (MIWW) which was held virtually this year, awarded top prizes to the following Hoosier sewers: Amelia Alford, Annette Richard, Kelsey McMullen and Natalie Mauer.

Two winners will represent Indiana in the National MIWW Competition in January. Indiana's MIWW contest is sponsored by ISA and is a branch of the National MWW Organization.

A Presidential Citation was issued to Robyn Heine, Indiana's MIWW Director, who smoothly orchestrated the contest's transition to a virtual format. The Friend of ISA Award this year went to Tony Carrell, who assisted Robyn Heine in the MIWW effort. Also recognized by the president was Jackie Denhart, manager of ISA's Wool Room at the Indiana State Fair, who put together an ISA virtual Wool Room to replace the usual in-person version at the State Fair.

Contact: Emma Hopkins-O'Brien, [emmaellenhopkins@yahoo.com](mailto:emmaellenhopkins@yahoo.com)