

The USDF convention is just around the corner and sadly, we're back to a virtual convention this year. With Covid numbers on the rise again, it's a safer and easier way to meet. We are very hopeful that convention will be back in person in 2022. I hope that more of you are able to join us. Be sure to check the convention schedule and attend the Region 5 meetings, along with the Board of Governors and learn more about how your USDF works. The information and schedule will be posted at www.usdf.org/Convention/. We are electing a new president of USDF this year and there are two candidates for consideration. Both candidates will be speaking during our 2nd regional meeting at the convention.

Your Participating Member Delegates to the USDF Convention for 2021 are Joan Clay, Cecilia Cox, Sarah Lindsten, and Sarah Martin. These ladies will be representing our Region during the voting portions of the Board of Governors meetings, in addition to representatives from each GMO. If you have an opinion on a Presidential candidate or any other things of import, please reach out to the delegates and let them know your thoughts. – their contact information can be found at <https://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/delegates.asp>.

We will have the USDF Region 5 Jr/YR clinic with George Williams at Hobby Horse Farms in Longmont, Colorado on October 23-24, 2021. Spectators will be allowed this year and we hope that you'll join us. Thank you very much to Kaite Lorentz for the donation of your lovely facility for this clinic. Congratulations to the folks who will be selected to ride – we don't know who they are at the time I write this, but it's great to see more depth forming in our youth for Region 5 again!

There are many fun things on tap for education with our GMOs in the near future, so please be sure to check your local calendars and participate in these great opportunities!

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

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