



Dear BLU Members,

1-26-2010

As Kelly Ward has announced, BLU has entered a new era. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, a new board was elected by the membership, and has taken office. The new board is as follows:

President: Lisa Rodenfels (OH)

VicePresident: Margaret VanCamp (MI)

Secretary: Kris Barndt (PA)

Treasurer: Becky Utecht (MN)

and board members Jared Lloyd (CO), Robina Koenig(OR), and Jolene Vezzetti (PA).

Since then, the board has met by teleconference on two occasions; December 16<sup>th</sup>, and most recently on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The minutes of these board meetings are available to members. The board plans to begin publishing the minutes on the BLU website ([bflsheep.com](http://bflsheep.com)) and in a newsletter.

During the January meeting, the board formally adopted a set of bylaws. These are available to members, and will soon be published on the BLU website and in a newsletter.

Some committees have been formed to begin working on the many ideas and projects the board has established as its focus for the coming year.

Bylaws Committee Chair: Margaret VanCamp

National Show Chair: Robina Koenig

Membership Chair: Jolene Vezzetti

Genetics Taskforce Chair: Jared Lloyd

Media Chair: Lisa Rodenfels

We are in need of volunteers to serve on these committees, as well as ideas and suggestions to improve how BLU serves you, the membership.

There are some important changes of which you need to be made aware. First, remember that BLU 2010 membership dues are payable now. If you have paid already, thank you so much for your support. If not, please mail \$15 to our new treasurer, with the check made out to **BLU**:

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Also, the fee to register and transfer sheep has been changed from \$4/sheep to \$5/sheep for members and \$10/sheep for non-members. These changes will be made to registration and workorder forms that are on the BLU website very soon. Please be sure to print off new forms and use the new fee schedule to avoid any delays in registering your 2010 lambs.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to Kelly Ward for her service to the BLU membership since 1998, and for all her help in making this transition as smooth as is possible.

Sincerely

Lisa Rodenfels