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Dairy Girl Network Adds Two New Advisors to Board of Directors

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Dairy Girl Network is excited to welcome two new advisors to the Board of Directors. The Dairy Girl Network Board of Directors is comprised of ten voting members along with three advisory members. These individuals are elected representatives serving as dairy farmers and industry professionals and they oversee the overall execution of the organization's mission. In addition to the organization and supporting dairywomen through connections, encouragement and inspiration, DGN is delighted to announce the two new advisors: Dr. Kelly Reed of Washington and Anna-Lisa Laca of Nevada.

These new advisors join our current advisor Leah Ziemba of Wisconsin. In addition to the advisors, the DGN Board Members is comprised of Laura Daniels, Founder and President, of Wisconsin, Kristy Pagel, Vice President, of Wisconsin, LuAnn Troxel, Financial Officer, of Indiana, Carrie Mess of Wisconsin, Michelle Philibeck of Wisconsin, Sadie Frericks of Minnesota, Tami Smith of Pennsylvania, Michele Schilter of Washington, Katie Dotterer-Pyle of Maryland and Mary Knigge of Washington DC. These individuals are advocates for advancing women within agriculture and are dedicated to the mission and vision of Dairy Girl Network.

"As our organization continues to grow, we look for the expertise and guidance of our Dairy Girl Network advisors on our Board of Directors. Both Kelly and Anna-Lisa are brilliant and impactful dairywomen and their passion for the industry fit perfect with our organization and our vision and mission," says Laura Daniels, Founder and President of the Dairy Girl Network. "Kelly brings a great wealth of knowledge as a skilled veterinarian and technical specialist, while Anna-Lisa brings a unique combination as she is a well-informed agriculture journalist, accomplished editor and also a dairy farmer. Our new advisors will both bring new knowledge and skills as advisors and will directly support the Dairy Girl Network in moving our mission forward."

In the spring, Dairy Girl Network put out a call to add a veterinarian advisor to the Board of Directors, and after a nomination and selection process, Dr. Kelly Reed was designated by the

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Board. Kelly works for Diamond V as a Ruminant Field Technical Specialist in the Pacific Northwest. She was raised on a small family farm in upstate New York and received both her Bachelors of Animal Science and Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degrees at Cornell University. Kelly has a special interest in calves and still serves as the consulting veterinarian for a 15,000 head calf ranch. Kelly said she has “a passion for the dairy industry specifically in education and collaboration, both within our industry and to our consumers. Dairy Girl Network provides a great opportunity to advance our industry in these ways and so much more. I am very excited for the opportunity to contribute!”

Our second new advisor comes from our partnership with our media sponsor, Dairy Herd Management. Anna-Lisa Laca is an accomplished agriculture journalist who reports on all things agriculture online and in print as the Online and Business Editor for Farm Journal’s MILK and Top Producer. She also owns and runs a dairy with her husband, Scott, and grew up on a West Coast cow-calf operation. Anna-Lisa shared, “It’s an honor to be involved in an organization committed to inspiring, empowering and enabling women to lead their farm businesses to new levels of success.”

With additional leadership and advisors, the Dairy Girl Network will continue to reach and support all women in dairy by connecting, inspiring and achieving. Learn more about the organization and the opportunities DGN offers at www.dairygirlnetwork.com.

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The Dairy Girl Network connects all women of the dairy industry, encouraging ideas and camaraderie in an effort to achieve personal and professional development. Designed as a welcoming network of passionate women involved in dairy, relationships will grow through shared experience, support and inspiration.

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