

Ameraucana Alliance  
by Beth Curran

It is the beginning of a new year, and with the new year comes a new Board of Directors. The Ameraucana Alliance would like to thank our outgoing officers for their hard work and dedication to the club over the past two years. Michael Meunks, as president, lead our club during a time of transition with grace and humor. The experience and wisdom that breed co-founder Mike Gilbert and APA judge Jim Fegan, who has raised Ameraucana since the early 1980s, brought to the board is immeasurable, and while they will no longer be sitting board members, we are fortunate to have them, along with Jerry Segler, serving in an advisory capacity as honorary Vice Presidents. We will miss these guys as voting members on the board, but will continue to seek their guidance. Michael, Mike, and Jim, thank you so much for your service!

The Ameraucana Alliance welcomes in-coming board members Russ Blair, Jeanette Frank, and Jensen Pierson. Russ is a life member from Jasper, Michigan. He has been a very active member of the club and raises some beautiful birds. Jeanette is an APA/ABA judge from Great Falls, Montana. She has served on the board many times through the years as president, secretary, and director. Jensen, from Wilmington, Ohio, started showing poultry at the age of ten. She joined as a youth member and we have watched her grow into not only a knowledgeable breeder and successful exhibitor, but an amazing young woman. Each of these wonderful members brings something special to our club, and we are fortunate to have them on our board.

Rounding out the 2017-2018 board are returning board members John Blehm, Gina Nita, and yours truly. John is now our president, a position he has held several times in the past. Gina has moved into the position of secretary, and I have remained a director at large and continue to manage club meets.

Speaking of meets in the new year, our 2017 Ameraucana National Meet has been placed at Fowl Fest ([FowlFest.org](http://FowlFest.org)) in mid-Michigan. Please note that, due to a clerical error, Fowl Fest, normally held on the second full weekend in October, will take place on the *first* full weekend, the weekend of October 7th and 8th. This is a two day show held at the Birch Run Expo Center ([BirchRunExpos.com](http://BirchRunExpos.com)). Hope to see many of you there!