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## Indiana Auctioneers Gather for Annual Convention

Auctioneers from across the state convened this past weekend for the Indiana Auctioneers Association (IAA) annual conference. The conference, held this year at Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport in Indianapolis, IN, ran November 14-16 with the Title Sponsors of Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company and the Indiana Auctioneers Association Foundation.

Highlights of this year's conference included the, Welcoming Event with a fun game of Family Feud, the Indiana Champion Auctioneer Competition, Auction Marketing Awards, Black Tie Gala evening with the Hall of Fame Inductions and entertainment by TELOS, the Presidential Luncheon and the election of the Board of Directors.

Throughout the weekend, Auctioneers were presented with dynamic and engaging educational seminars from industry leading Auctioneers and presenters and gained insight from industry vendors at the annual trade show.

The Indiana Champion Auctioneer Competition crowned the 2018 Indiana Senior Champion Auctioneer, Jimmie Dean Coffey from Bloomington, IN. Carl Gilbert was named Senior Reserve Champion, and Tanner Lewis was named Senior First Runner-Up. Taylor Knotts, Clayton, IN was crowned the 2018 Indiana Junior Champion Auctioneer. Chad Bricker was named Junior Reserve Champion and Marc Huber was named Junior First Runner-Up.

The highest award conveyed to an Auctioneer in Indiana is an election into the Indiana Auctioneer's Hall of Fame. Sam Goebel, Plymouth, IN and Gene Klingaman, Columbia City, IN were elected into this year's Hall of Fame class. Jennifer Freije, Monrovia, IN was inducted into the IAA Auxiliary Hall of Fame.

The IAA held their annual election of officers at that annual membership business meeting, electing **Jonathan Baker, Evansville - President 2019**, Jack Christy, Jr. of Indianapolis –Vice President, Mark Bisch, Kokomo, IN – Secretary/Treasurer. Newly Elected Directors: Marc Huber, Greenfield, IN and Rainelle Shockome, Columbia City, IN.



#### About the IAA

The Indiana Auctioneers Association (IAA) represents the interests of the Auctioneers throughout the state. The Mission of the IAA is to strengthen and develop Indiana's auction professionals by providing relevant education, industry advocacy and professional engagement. The Vision of the IAA is to continually provide our members relevant resources to succeed as auction professionals.

To learn more about the IAA and the auction industry visit:

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