

AFA Elects New Board

The American Federation of Aviculture elects a new board.

The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA)'s annual convention and fund-raiser this past August in Dallas brought together avian experts from as far as Australia and Spain to Brazil and California. A three-day lecture series focused heavily on breeding, conservation and parrot behavior.

Hourly raffles, a Friday night cocktail hour hosted by Bird Endowment, a trip to the Dallas zoo and a vendor hall as well as both a silent and live auction provided entertainment for attendees.

Most board members from last year were re-elected, but two changes were announced at the Saturday night banquet. Genny Wall became the Southern California regional director, a previously unfilled position, and Nancy Speed, formerly the Southeast regional director, moved into the secretary position. Three positions remain open. A full listing of board members is below. For individual contact information, visit the AFA website at www.afabirds.org.

Dr. Benny J. Gallaway, president; Wanda Elder, first vice president; Brenda Piper, second vice president; Jim Hawley, Jr., chief financial officer; Nancy Speed, secretary; Margrethe Warden, specialty organization vice president; Leanne Halvorson, Mid-Eastern regional director; Carol Woodson, Mid-Atlantic regional director; Linda S. Rubin, Northeastern regional director; Fred Smith, Florida/Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands regional director; Matt Schmit, Southcentral regional director; Lisa McManus, Western regional director; Genny Wall, Southern California regional director; Barry Wold, Northern California and Hawaii regional director