

# The Auctioneer's Corner

## Energy and Enthusiasm Lead Minnesota Auctioneer to International Title

### Heller Group - 1 Stop Realty, Inc. Licensee Wins National Auctioneer Award

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After three times in the finals, Fladeboe-Duininck claims top spot

July 29, 2010, Overland Park, Kan.- "We did it Dad!" were the words that echoed from the microphone held by Kristine Fladeboe-Duininck, BAS, Fladeboe Auctions, Minneapolis, after being named the 2010 International Auctioneer Champion (IAC). After several years of competing against her peers for the prestigious title, Kristine was crowned champion before a crowd of hundreds of auctioneers in Greensboro, N.C. On July 16 during the National Auctioneers Association (NAA) International Auctioneers Conference and Show. Over 75 auctioneers from around the world competed in the industry's premier competition this year.

Fladeboe-Duininck, 36, has been an IAC finalist in 2005, 2007 and 2009, outperformed her fellow competitors for this year's title. IAC champions are regarded as the best auctioneers in the industry. As the women's division champion, Kristine will serve the industry as an ambassador travelling throughout the country next year training auctioneers and representing the industry before the public. North Carolina auctioneer Eli Detweiler, Jr, will join Kristine as an ambassador as the men's division champion. A highlight of an IAC champion's year is serving as the lead auctioneers at the annual St. Jude Toy Auction. Every year St. Jude Children Research Hospital hosts an afternoon auction where children learn to bid call like an auctioneer and bid on free toys donated by the NAA.

"I found my professional passion when I became an auctioneer, and I look forward to representing auctioneers from across the country in this position in the coming year," Fladeboe-Duininck said.

The IAC is hosted by the NAA and held every year at the International Auctioneers Conference and Show. IAC competitors are judged on their presentation,

chant, voice timbre, body language, interview answers and other performance elements in effective auctioneering. The live, public auction took place in the ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel at the Four Seasons.



Visit the following link to watch Fladeboe-Duininck at the 2010 IAC; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nka9Rwxksk>

A second generation auctioneer, Fladeboe-Duininck now owns the business with her father Dale and siblings, Glen and Kimberly. In addition; Kristine, Dale and Glen are all real estate licensees of the Heller Group - 1Stop Realty, Inc. of Olivia, Minnesota who specialize in farmland auctions. Fladeboe-Duininck specializes in selling farms by real estate auction and conducting farm and benefit auctions. Annually, Fladeboe Auctions, raise money for more than 125 Minnesota organizations, across the state. In 2009, the family business raised over \$4.8 million for non-profit groups. Kristine resides in Spicer, MN with her husband, Jamie and two children Elsie and Harris.

Kristine Fladeboe-Duininck say's:

"I am a farm kid who loves to put on blue jeans and sell a farm, and I also love being at black-tie gala events in downtown Minneapolis raising money for our non-profits. The auction business is a unique profession where you can bring people together to maximize competition and get top dollar for a farm or critical revenue to support our nonprofits."

"The coolest thing...I often told myself if I ever had the opportunity to win, I would love to have my dad be there. So to call him up on stage, with about 1,500 people there, and just to have him share the joy with me...there wasn't a dry eye in the place."

"It is so exciting because I will have many opportunities to speak to the public, to share my passion, to talk about the industry. However, it is not about me, but about what I do to touch the lives of others. It is about what I can do at either an auctioneering level or a personal level to make a difference!"



**Kristine, all of us at 1 Stop are so proud of you!**