

BOARD ACTION



Board meets at Annual Convention

The following is a review of the topics discussed and actions taken during the Nov. 3 and 6, 2017, meetings of the American Angus Association Board of Directors in Fort Worth, Texas.

Topics addressed

- Julie Murnin, 2017 president of the American Angus Auxiliary, provided an overview of the Auxiliary's activities of the past year.
- The 2017 annual audit reports of the financial statements of the American Angus Association and the Angus Foundation (Foundation) were presented to the Board.
- Jonathan Perry moved, seconded by James Coffey, to amend the draft of the Association Sept. 11-13, 2017, regular Board meeting minutes to include this statement: "This budget does not include any cash outlay that may be needed to implement strategies within the Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP)." The motion was unanimously approved.
- John Grimes moved, seconded by Alan Miller, to approve the minutes of the Sept. 11-13, 2017, regular Board meeting as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Jonathan Perry moved, seconded by James Henderson, to name the boardroom at the Association headquarters after Richard E. Wilson, recently retired CFO, in honor of his 48 years of dedicated and exemplary service. The motion was unanimously approved. The announcement of the "Richard E. Wilson Boardroom" was to be made at the opening session of the Angus Convention, and a plaque was to be presented to Wilson.
- The Board considered a request by Association member and delegate Andrew Stewart to change wording of the "Procedures to Govern the Election of Five Members to the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association" to more clearly state how the majority vote is determined. The procedures had been approved by the Association Board of Directors at the September regular Board meeting. James Coffey moved, seconded by Barry Pollard, to change the wording of the procedures as proposed. The motion was unanimously approved. The change in the procedure was to be explained to the delegates on Monday prior to any electronic voting during the Annual Convention of Delegates.
- The Board considered correspondence received from Association member and delegate Duane Morley Cox regarding questions about recent changes in calculating birth weight (BW) expected progeny differences (EPDs). Staff presented information related to the questions posed in the letter. No action was taken. Dan Moser, president of Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI), was to contact Cox to discuss his concerns.
- Moser presented additional information to the Board regarding BW and weaning weight (WW) EPDs. Examples of changes in WW EPDs when birth weight data is added were presented. Change in growth trait EPDs resulting from birth weight data submission is minimal.
- As previously requested by the Board, Stephen Miller, director of genetic research, presented the top five potential research topics that have been identified by staff. Following thorough discussion, Don Schiefelbein moved, seconded by David Dal Porto, that staff develop a proposal for an internship program for data collection on foot structure by Jan. 1, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Following additional discussion

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on foot structure, Barry Pollard moved, seconded by Richard Dyar, to direct staff to bring to the Board a refined disposal code system, which includes a better definition of foot structure. The motion was unanimously approved.

- The Board next discussed the current dollar value (\$Value) indexes. Jerry Connealy moved, seconded by Dave Nichols, to direct staff to move ahead with improving the current \$Value indexes and to bring cost considerations to the Board before the February regular Board Meeting. This does not include development of a total index. Motion passed by a vote of 14 in favor and two opposed.
- At the request of Director Jerry Connealy, the Board discussed whole-herd reporting. Staff was directed to gather information on the subject, which will be included as an agenda item at the February 2018 Board of Directors regular meeting.
- Discussion occurred regarding the proposed building expansion. Staff presented various options explored during the past two months and noted that the project has been de-emphasized moving forward due to other higher priorities within the LRSP.
- Staff reported on Angus Convention statistics, including more than 2,300 registrations and 474 exhibitors. Main events of the convention schedule were reviewed. A session has been added on Saturday afternoon for members and attendees to meet with Board and staff in a casual setting. The session will be announced at the Angus Convention opening session on Saturday morning.
- The Board reviewed

correspondence received from Association member Nick Nesson. Confidentiality matters and fiduciary responsibilities of Board members were discussed. The Board also discussed Board policies concerning reporting and release of minutes of Board meetings, as well as current fees for services. The Board will include a discussion of transparency on the agenda of the February regular Board meeting.

- Don Schiefelbein moved, seconded by Jerry Connealy, to approve the proposed budget of the LRSP Feeder Calf Program. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Pursuant to the Association's bylaws, James Coffey moved, seconded by Jonathan Perry, to elect Allen Moczygamba as CEO and Kenny Miller as assistant secretary for 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.
- The 2018 Annual Convention of Delegates will be convened Nov. 5, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio.
- James Coffey moved, seconded by James Henderson, to approve the 2017-2018 meeting dates as proposed. The motion was unanimously approved.

Angus Foundation

- Dave Nichols moved, seconded by James Coffey, to elect the Board of Directors of the Angus Foundation for 2018 as proposed. The motion passed unanimously. Lamar Steiger was previously elected in September 2017 to serve a one-year term as outside representative, effective Nov. 6, 2017.
- Dave Hinman nominated James Coffey to serve as chairman of the Foundation Board for 2018. The nomination was seconded by Richard Dyar. The nomination was approved unanimously.
- Barry Pollard moved, seconded by Alan Miller, to elect additional officers for 2018 as shown below. The motion passed unanimously.

Angus Foundation 2018 Board of Directors

James Coffey, chairman
Allen Moczygamba, vice chairman
Milford Jenkins, president
Kenny Miller, secretary
Richard Dyar
Dave Hinman
Alan Miller
Dave Nichols
Barry Pollard
Lamar Steiger, outside representative

2017-2018 Board meeting dates

Nov. 28-30	Association Board Planning Session, Amarillo, Texas
Dec. 4-6	Certified Angus Beef LLC Board Meeting, Wooster, Ohio
Feb. 20-22	Association Board Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.
June 5-7	Association Board Meeting, Charleston, S.C.
Sept. 11-13	Association Board Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.
Nov. 2	Association Board Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
Nov. 5	Association Board Meeting, Columbus, Ohio

Angus Genetics Inc.

- Don Schiefelbein moved, seconded by David Dal Porto, to elect the Board of Directors of Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) for 2018 as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mick Varilek nominated Jerry Connealy to serve as chairman of the 2018 AGI Board. The nomination was seconded by Alan Miller. The election of Connealy was declared unanimous.
- Mick Varilek moved, seconded by Alan Miller, to elect additional officers for 2018 as shown below. The motion passed unanimously.

AGI 2018 Board of Directors

Jerry Connealy, chairman
Allen Moczygemba, vice chairman
Dan Moser, president
Kenny Miller, secretary-treasurer
David Dal Porto
John Grimes
James Henderson
Alan Miller
Dave Nichols
Mick Varilek

Angus Productions Inc.

- Don Schiefelbein moved, seconded by David Dal Porto, to elect the Board of Directors of Angus Productions Inc. (API) for 2018 as proposed. The motion passed unanimously. Mitch Rouda was previously elected in September 2016 to serve a two-year term as an industry representative, effective Nov. 7, 2016.
- Barry Pollard nominated John Pfeiffer Jr. to serve as chairman of the 2018 API Board. The nomination was seconded by Mike McCravy. The nomination was approved by acclamation.
- Barry Pollard moved, seconded by

Chuck Grove, to elect additional officers for 2018 as shown below. The motion passed unanimously.

API 2018 Board of Directors

John Pfeiffer Jr., chairman
Allen Moczygemba, vice chairman
Rick Cozzitorto, president
Kenny Miller, secretary-treasurer
James Coffey
Richard Dyar
Chuck Grove
Mike McCravy
Barry Pollard
Mitch Rouda, industry representative

Certified Angus Beef LLC

- John Pfeiffer Jr. moved, seconded by Barry Pollard, to elect the Board of Directors of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) for 2018 as proposed. The motion passed unanimously. Dwight “Kip” Palmer was previously elected in September 2015 to serve a three-year term as an industry representative, effective Nov. 5, 2015.
- Jerry Connealy nominated David Dal Porto to serve as chairman of the 2018 CAB Board. The nomination was seconded by Mick Varilek.
- Jonathan Perry moved, seconded by Mick Varilek, to elect David Dal Porto as chairman of the CAB Board by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mick Varilek moved, seconded by Jonathan Perry, to elect additional officers for 2018 as shown below. The motion passed unanimously.

CAB 2018 Board of Directors

David Dal Porto, chairman
Allen Moczygemba, vice chairman
John Stika, president
Brent Eichar, secretary-treasurer
Jerry Connealy

John Grimes
James Henderson
Jonathan Perry
Mick Varilek
Dwight “Kip” Palmer, industry representative

Standing Committees

- Don Schiefelbein moved, seconded by David Dal Porto, to approve the 2018 standing committees and appointments as shown below. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Committee

Kevin Yon, chairman
John Pfeiffer Jr., vice chairman
Don Schiefelbein, treasurer
Jerry Connealy
David Dal Porto
John Grimes
James Henderson
Ex officio
Allen Moczygemba, CEO

Finance and Planning Committee

Don Schiefelbein, chairman
Barry Pollard, vice chairman
James Coffey
Jerry Connealy
David Dal Porto
Richard Dyar
Chuck Grove
Mike McCravy
Dave Nichols

Breed Improvement Committee

John Grimes, chairman
James Henderson, vice chairman
Jerry Connealy
Chuck Grove
Dave Hinman
Dave Nichols
Jonathan Perry
Don Schiefelbein
Mick Varilek

Activities Committee

Chuck Grove, chairman
John Grimes, vice chair
David Dal Porto

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Mike McCravy
Alan Miller
Jonathan Perry

Industry Relations Committee

James Coffey, chairman
Mick Varilek, vice chairman
Richard Dyar
James Henderson
Dave Hinman
Alan Miller

Member & Affiliate Services Committee

Mike McCravy, chairman
Chuck Grove, vice chairman
Richard Dyar
Dave Hinman
Dave Nichols
John Pfeiffer Jr.

Research Priorities Committee

John Pfeiffer Jr., chairman,
Association vice president
Don Schiefelbein, Association
treasurer
Jerry Connealy, AGI chairman
David Dal Porto, CAB chairman
James Coffey, Angus Foundation
chairman
Dan Moser, AGI president
Stephen Miller, AGI director
genetic research
Justin Sexten, CAB staff
representative
Ex officio
Allen Moczygemba, Association
CEO
Kenny Miller, Association CFO
Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation
president
Joe Cassidy, industry member
Larry Kuehn, industry member

National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Appointments

NCBA Board Representative
Don Schiefelbein
Ag and Food Policy Committee
David Dal Porto



Cattle Health and Well-Being Committee

Mike McCravy
Live Cattle Marketing Committee
James Henderson
International Trade Committee
John Pfeiffer Jr.

Other Board Appointments

Chaplain
John Pfeiffer Jr.
Parliamentarian
Sean Colligan, Stinson Leonard
Street LLP

Outside and Industry Representative Selection Committees

Angus Foundation

Kevin Yon, Association president
John Pfeiffer Jr., Association vice
president
James Coffey, Angus Foundation
chairman
Allen Moczygemba, Association
CEO, *ex officio*

Angus Genetics Inc.

Kevin Yon, Association president
John Pfeiffer Jr., Association vice
president
Jerry Connealy, AGI chairman
Allen Moczygemba, Association
CEO, *ex officio*

Angus Productions Inc.

Kevin Yon, Association president
John Pfeiffer Jr., Association vice
president and API chairman
Allen Moczygemba, Association
CEO, *ex officio*

Certified Angus Beef LLC

Kevin Yon, Association president
John Pfeiffer Jr., Association vice
president
David Dal Porto, CAB chairman

Allen Moczygemba, Association
CEO, *ex officio*

John Pfeiffer Jr. moved, seconded
by Jerry Connealy, to re-appoint
the Special Building Committee for
2018. The motion was unanimously
approved.

Special Building Committee

Chuck Grove, chairman
James Coffey
John Pfeiffer Jr.
Don Schiefelbein
Allen Moczygemba

John F. Grimes moved, seconded
by Chuck Grove, to appoint a Special
Feeder Calf Committee. The motion
was unanimously approved.

Special Feeder Calf Committee

Jerry Connealy, chairman
Don Schiefelbein, vice chairman
David Dal Porto
James Henderson
Jonathan Perry

Additionally, CEO Moczygemba
stated that management will form
an internal team to guide the
development of the Feeder Calf
Program. **AJ**

Editor's Note: Officers and directors present at the Nov. 3 meeting were Charlie Boyd II, 2017 president and chairman of the board; Kevin Yon, 2017 vice president and vice chairman of the Board; John Pfeiffer Jr., 2017 treasurer; James S. Coffey; Jerry Connealy; David A. Dal Porto; Richard M. Dyar; John F. Grimes; Chuck Grove; James W. Henderson; Dave Hinman; Mike McCravy; Alan Miller; Dave Nichols; Jonathan Perry; Barry Pollard; Don Schiefelbein; and Mick Varilek.

Officers and directors present at the Nov. 6 meeting were Kevin Yon, 2018 president and chairman of the board; John Pfeiffer Jr., 2018 vice president and vice chairman of the Board; Don Schiefelbein, 2018 treasurer; James S. Coffey; Jerry Connealy; David A. Dal Porto; Richard M. Dyar; John F. Grimes; Chuck Grove; James W. Henderson; Dave Hinman; Mike McCravy; Alan Miller; Dave Nichols; Jonathan Perry; Barry Pollard; and Mick Varilek.