ANGUS CONVENTION

New Leadership Elected

American Angus Association installs officers and reelects Board directors at Annual Convention of Delegates.
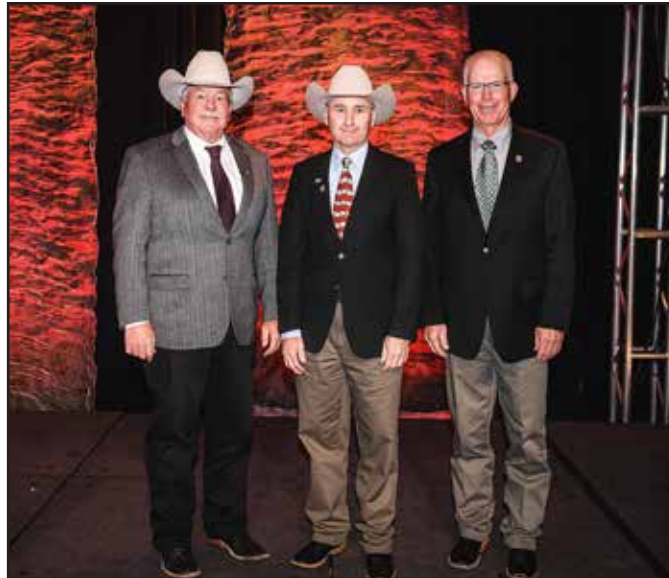
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Five directors were reelected to the American Angus Association Board of Directors, as well as a president and chairman and a vice president and vice chairman of the Board, during the 136th Annual Convention of Delegates on Nov. 4, 2019, hosted at the Angus Convention in Reno, Nev.

A total of 297 delegates from 40 states and Canada represented Association members at the Annual Convention of Delegates and elected the 2019-2020 officers and directors. Directors can serve up to two three-year terms on the board and, if elected, serve additional one-year terms in office as president, chairman and/ or vice president and vice chairman.

Elected to serve as officers of the American Angus Association were Don Schiefelbein, Kimball, Minn., president and chairman of the Board; and David Dal Porto, Oakley, Calif., vice president and vice chairman of the Board.

Schiefelbein, who succeeds John Pfeiffer, Jr., Mulhall, Okla., served previously as vice president, vice chairman and treasurer. Additionally, he serves as the 2019 National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) policy division chairman.

Elected to serve as officers of the American Angus Association are (from left) David Dal Porto, Oakley, Calif., vice president and vice chairman; Don Schiefelbein, Kimball, Minn., president and chairman; and Jerry Connealy, Whitman, Neb., treasurer.

Schiefelbein's family operation was started in 1955 by Frank Schiefelbein, and years later with the addition of nine sons and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the operation continues to grow as fast as the family. Today, Schiefelbein Farms runs more than 1,000 registered

females, farms 4,600 acres and feeds out 7,500 head of cattle.

Dal Porto just completed serving as the 2018-2019 Association treasurer, and is currently serving his second term on the Board of Directors. Dal Porto and his wife, Jeanene, manage their registered and commercial Angus operation in Oakley, Brentwood and northern California. They have three children — Lindsey, AJ and Dawson. Dal Porto has firsthand experience at every level in the evolution of performance information and how to apply it. He complements that knowledge with a management background developed from his experiences.

Elected by the Board at its September meeting, Jerry Connealy, Whitman, Neb., will be treasurer for 2019-2020. He is currently serving his second term on the board of directors.

Connealy is a fifth-generation cattleman and has operated the family ranch since 1981 with his wife, Sharon. The Connealys have three sons, Jed, Gabriel and Ben; as well as

a daughter, Hannah. Jerry focuses his cow herd base on productivity traits and manages two bull sales per year, selling 300 bulls at each sale.

Directors elected

Directors reelected to their second terms are Richard Dyar, Crossville, Ala.; Dave Hinman, Malta, Mont.; Alan Miller, Gridley, Ill.; Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.; and Barry Pollard, Enid, Okla.

Dyar has been a lifetime member of the American Angus Association since June 20, 1974. Dyar has served as a member and president of the Alabama Purebred Beef Breeds Council, helped organize the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Foundation and served as its first president. He served as an American Angus Association regional manager for 35 years, serving the breeders in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. Dyar and his family own and operate Dyar Angus Farm where they calve 60-70 registered-Angus cows annually.

Hinman and his family bought their first registered Angus heifers in 1973, marking the beginning of Hinman Angus. He served the Southwest Montana Angus Association as a director and president and the Montana Angus Association as a director and as president from 1993-1995. Hinman has been a delegate to the American Angus Association annual meeting for more than 20 years. Hinman Angus owns 600 head of registered mother cows, along with an extensive embryo transfer (ET) program.

Elected to serve three-year terms as directors of the American Angus Association are (from left) Alan Miller, Gridley, Ill.; Dave Hinman, Malta, Mont.; Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.; Barry Pollard, Enid, Okla; and Richard Dyar, Crossville, Ala.

Miller is a third-generation Angus breeder. His grandfather, Adam Schlipf, began an Angus cattle herd in the late 1940s and was active in the purebred Angus business through the 1960s. Forty years ago, Miller's parents, Orlan and Carol Miller, began revitalizing the Angus herd and named the operation Prairie View Farms (PVF). PVF is a family operation that Alan and his wife, Theresa, operate in close cooperation with brother-in-law and sister Brandon and Cathy Jones.

Perry has spent much of his life working in the purebred business. In 1998, Fred and Rinda Clark of Deer Valley Farm, Fayetteville, Tenn., offered him the opportunity to manage their purebred program. As the general manager of Deer Valley, Perry has developed an Angus program that balances all economically relevant traits in cattle that maintain structural soundness and phenotype. Each year, more than 500 bulls are marketed through three annual sales. Perry and his wife established the Hickory House restaurant in 2014, and it specializes in serving 100% *Certified Angus Beef®* brand (CAB) product.

Pollard attended Oklahoma State University (OSU), went to medical school and is a board-certified neurosurgeon who has performed more than 18,000 surgeries. He currently farms and ranches more than 8,500 acres and has managed numerous cattle through his wheat pasture program and followed them through the finishing lots. The Pollard Farms registered Angus herd consists of 400 Angus cows, and with a recipient herd, together they raise more than 450 registered Angus calves annually. Approximately 150 registered Angus bulls are sold annually at Pollard Farms either through the annual Angus bull sale or by private treaty. AJ