

# NEW OFFICERS, BOARD LEADERSHIP ELECTED

*American Angus Association installs officers and elects Board directors at Annual Convention of Delegates.*

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## 2021 AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Five new directors were elected 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 137th Annual Convention of Delegates Nov. 9, hosted at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Mo.

A total of 298 delegates from 46 states and Canada represented Association members at the Annual Convention of Delegates and elected the 2020-2021 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 and chairman and/or vice president and treasurer.

Elected to serve as officers of the American Angus Association were David Dal Porto, Oakley, Calif., president and chairman of the Board; and Jerry Connealy, Whitman, Neb., vice president and vice chairman of the Board.

**Dal Porto**, who succeeds Don Schiefelbein, Kimball, Minn., served previously as vice president, vice chairman and treasurer. 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.



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

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 experience. Dal Porto and his bull sale partner, David Medeiros, were awarded the 2011 *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> (CAB) Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award at the CAB Annual Conference.

**Connealy**, has served on the Association Board of Directors for six years and spent this last year as Association treasurer. The fifth-

generation cattleman 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.

Elected by the Board at its September meeting, Chuck Grove, Forest, Va., who is currently serving his second term on the Board of Directors, will be treasurer for 2020-2021.

**Grove** was an American Angus

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Association regional manager serving Kentucky and Tennessee. During his 39-year tenure, he also covered Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware and Ohio. Grove and his wife, Ruth, reside on the family farm and manage a 100-head Angus herd.

**Directors elected**

Elected to their first terms are Mark Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas; Smitty Lamb, Tifton, Ga.; Charles Mogck, Olivet, S.D.; Darrell Stevenson, Hobson, Mont.; and Jerry Theis, Leavenworth, Kan.

**Ahearn** and his family established Turner Meadow Ranch in East Texas in the mid-1980s. In addition to his 35-year career in law enforcement, Ahearn's passion is raising high-quality Angus cattle. He has studied pedigrees and learned the business from the ground up. His family has grown their herd to about 200 females while being active in the Texas Angus Association. Ahearn served in a leadership role with the Texas Angus Association for 16 years. In addition to creating numerous educational opportunities and sale events, Ahearn was also responsible for developing and writing the policy for the Raymond Moore Endowment Scholarship Fund which benefits Texas junior Angus members.

**Lamb** grew up on a small row-crop farm in east Georgia, where he discovered his passion for Angus cattle at an early age. He followed that drive to the University of Georgia (UGA), where he earned a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in meat and muscle biology. His career eventually led him to the cotton industry, but he always came home to Angus cattle. His family has owned and operated Ogeechee Angus Farm since



Elected to serve three-year terms as directors of the American Angus Association are (from left) Darrell Stevenson, Hobson, Mont.; Charles Mogck, Olivet, S.D.; Smitty Lamb, Tifton, Ga.; Jerry Theis, Leavenworth, Kan.; and Mark Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas.

1997, and it has since become one of the most reliable sources for Angus genetics in the Southeast. Since 2017, Ogeechee Angus Farm has marketed more than 100 bulls annually. Lamb has served in leadership roles with the Georgia Angus Association, as well as the chairman of the Southern National Angus Show committee and the co-committee chair of the 2009 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The Lambs were awarded the Georgia Angus Association Member of the Year in 2017 for their service to the organization.

**Mogck** is a third-generation Angus breeder from South Dakota. Mogck has built upon his family's heritage in the breed and increased their herd to 400 registered females while marketing 120 bulls annually. They farm 2,000 acres of corn, beans and wheat with an additional 2,500 acres of pasture and hay ground. Mogck & Sons routinely buys feeder cattle from their commercial customers, which allows them to collect data

on their customers' cattle. Their operation actively utilizes Association programs such as MaternalPlus® and Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®). Mogck records ultrasound and carcass and genomic information to make the best decisions for the future of their herd.

**Stevenson** has strong ties to the Angus breed and a history of activity in the Montana Angus Association. Stevenson's grandparents were charter members of the Montana Angus Association in 1951, and his father participated in the first National Junior Angus Showmanship contest in 1967. His father was on the Montana Angus Association and American Angus Association board of directors, serving as president from 1992-1993. Stevenson now continues his family's legacy by operating Stevenson Angus Ranch. He is actively involved in international Angus events and has attended shows in Argentina, New

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Zealand, Scotland and Russia. In 2010 Stevenson created a partnership with two Russian businessmen to form an international beef venture between the two countries. Due to the success, Stevenson has since overseen shipments of Angus cattle to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

**Jerry Theis** is a second-generation Angus breeder and lifetime member of the American Angus Association. His parents established April Valley Farms in 1952 in the Salt Creek Valley area of Leavenworth County, Kan. Theis continues his family's diversified operation, now consisting of Angus cattle, crops and swine production. Cattle are marketed through their annual

spring production sale as well as private treaty. April Valley Farms was recognized as a Historic Angus Herd by the American Angus Association in 2019. Jerry graduated from the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1991 and currently operates a mixed-animal veterinary practice. He and his wife are actively involved in the Kansas Angus Association and currently serve as the Kansas Junior Angus Association advisors. He served two terms on the Kansas Angus Association board of directors and as president in 2010. **AJ**



Don Schiefelbein, Kimball, Minn., was presented with the outgoing president award. Pictured are (from left) Mark McCully, American Angus Association CEO, presenting; Don Schiefelbein, 2019-20 president and chairman; and David Dal Porto, 2020-21 president and chairman.

## JANUARY 17, 2021

42nd Annual Production Sale

### Featured Sires

- Deer Valley Growth Fund
- Connealy Legendary 644L
- JAR Incredible 808
- JAR Acclaim 7131
- Josephson Black Granite J669
- AAR President 832
- Wilde's Discovery 5134
- RBM Spur F157
- RBM Next Step C58
- Shady Ash Final Answer 6438
- Fox's Bankroll 24F
- TNT Shinedown 814

Selling:

80 Angus bulls  
30 bred Angus females

Watch & Bid Online:

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1:30 p.m. CST at the ranch



Connealy Legendary 644L



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