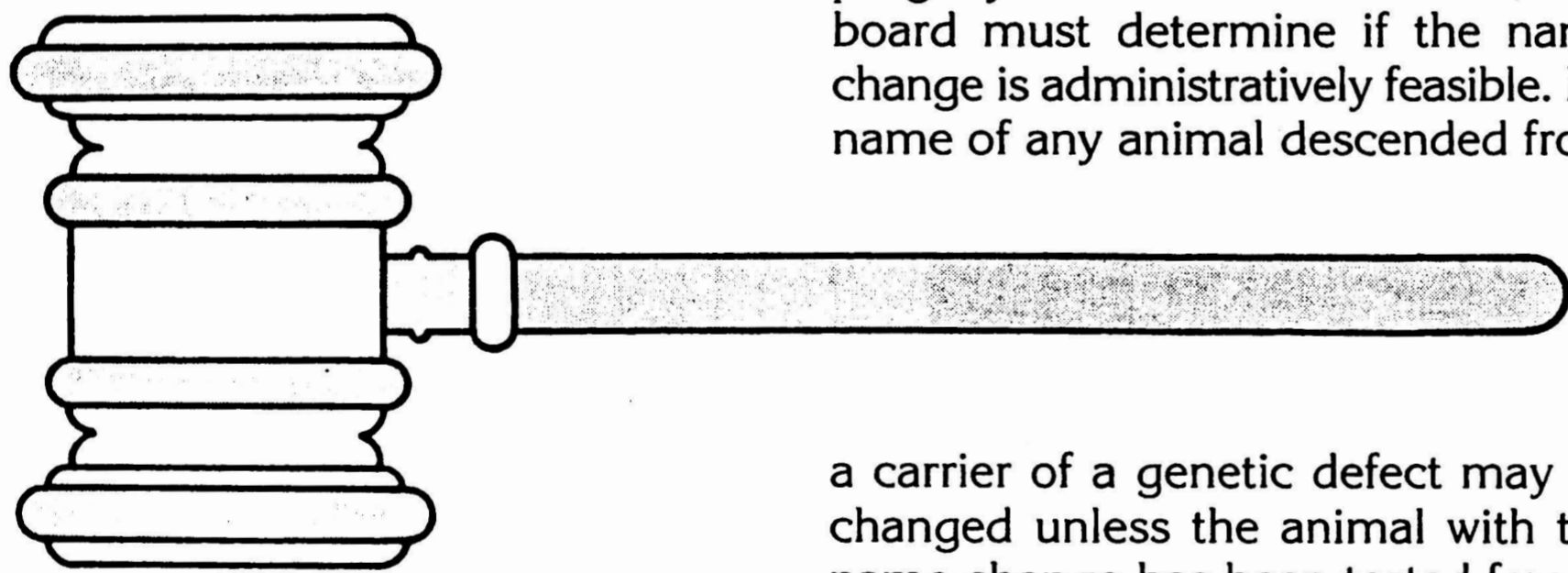


# Measures taken for future growth

Officers and directors assembled for the American Angus Association's 102nd Annual Meeting and board meetings, Nov. 17 and 19 in Louisville, Ky., included: retiring president William Conley, newly elected president Dr. A.V. Bartenslager, newly elected vice president Joe Neely, executive vice president Dick Spader, newly elected treasurer Harvey Lemmon, and directors Gary Dameron, Tom Drake, Richard Janssen, David McMahon, Robert Neumeyer, Paul May, Robert Sitz, Fred E. Smalstig, Andrew C. Starr, Paul Stueland, Vance Uden, Jerry Williams, Wayne Wyble, and newly elected directors Keith Stevenson and Robert Thomas.

Executive vice president Dick Spader stated the Association experienced a 1985 deficit of \$37,826, a figure slightly improved from the 1984 deficit of \$58,218. Net earnings of the Angus Productions, Inc. subsidiary amounted to \$6,714 producing a consolidated deficit of \$31,112.



Spader reported the most dramatic improvements in the Angus industry included the nearly doubled sales volume created by the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) program. Sales of CAB were 15.9 million lb. in fiscal 1985 as compared to 8.3 million lb. in 1984. Despite a decline in Angus registrations, the membership still recorded and reported an overall total of 230,004 birth, weaning and yearling weights for the AHIR program. The figure represents a decline of only .7 percent from 1984.

Among the year's milestones, Spader noted the inauguration of the Association's first registered junior Angus steer show and expressed the

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Rule approved for name changes
- ✓ Overage cattle may now be registered
- ✓ Texas to host Regional Preview Show

optimistic forecast the program represents for the breed. He also pointed out the success of public relations, advertising efforts and the strength of the junior programs. Another highlight was the early acceptance of the Angus Journal's Special Services Department.

An amendment to Section II, Rule II of the Association Rules was passed concerning name changes of registered bulls or cows. As amended, the first and present owners must make written request to change the name. Changes can be made if no progeny of the animal have been recorded. If progeny have been recorded, the board must determine if the name change is administratively feasible. No name of any animal descended from

a carrier of a genetic defect may be changed unless the animal with the name change has been tested free of that defect.

This rule becomes effective after a second reading at the March 1986 board meeting.

Action by the board also now entitles members to register until Sept. 15, 1986, any number of cattle beyond the age of 12 months at a fee of \$10 per head. Membership has been notified by letter of this policy change and given the opportunity to respond.

Reinstatement of a member suspended as a junior member was taken under consideration by the board. The petitioner will be invited to appear before the Board of Directors at its March 1986 meeting when reinstatement will be addressed.

Executive vice president Spader reported on measures undertaken by the staff to reduce expenses in response to a board directive to accomplish a \$100,000 reduction. Spader also presented reaction from the membership regarding subscription policies recently implemented for the Angus Journal.

Association participation in two lawsuits were examined in both board sessions and in privileged discussions.

Further study was directed toward import fees, adoption of the futurity system of judging incorporating division champions, and permission to allow jointly owned bulls and not jointly owned bred and owned heifers in junior shows. Topics will be discussed at the March 1986 Board of Directors meeting.

Approval for a Regional Preview Show to be held in Texas was granted.

### *New committees appointed*

On Nov. 19, committees and boards were appointed (chairman listed first):

**Executive Committee:** Neely, Dameron, Lemmon, Wyble, Stueland.

**Finance:** Lemmon, Neely, Wyble, Dameron, Drake.

**Public Relations:** Stueland, Smalstig, Janssen, McMahon, Thomas.

**Planning & Industry:** May, Williams, Uden, Starr, Stevenson.

**Breed Improvement:** Janssen, Lemmon, Drake, Starr, Stevenson.

**Activities:** Dameron, Stueland, Uden, Smalstig, Williams.

**Rules and Arbitration:** Wyble, Neely, May, McMahon, Thomas.

**Certified Angus Beef Board:** Wayne Wyble (three years).

**National Cattlemen's Assn. Representative:** Tom Drake.

**Angus Productions, Inc. Board:** Spader (president), Neely (chairman), Richard Wilson (secretary-treasurer), Wyble, Lemmon, Stueland, Drake, Dameron.

### *Future meetings*

The next annual meeting is scheduled Nov. 17, 1986, at Louisville. Board meetings for 1986 will be held March 15-18, June 7-10, Sept. 13-16, Nov. 16, and Nov. 18. **AJ**