

Board and officer selections made at 105th

Gary Dameron Lexington, Ill., was elected president of the 23,000 member American Angus Assn. at the organization's 105th annual meeting, November 14 in Louisville, Ky. Dameron replaces retiring president, Harvey Lemmon of Woodbury, Ga.

Selected as vice president by the 230 elected Angus delegates from all over the United States was Richard Janssen of

Ellsworth, Kan. The delegates also elected five members to the American Angus Assn.'s 15-member Board of Directors. The three new members elected were Ralph Bridges, Lexington, Ga.; Carl Dudensing, New Ulm, Texas; and Glen Swanson, Dinant, Iowa. Re-elected to their second three-year term on the board were Bob Thomas, Baker, Ore., and Keith Stevenson, Hobson, Mont.

Dameron the new president, has served six years on the Association Board of Directors and a seventh as vice president. He has been a registered Angus breeder for some 22 years and performance testing for 19 years. He and his family have a 1,300-acre farm near Lexington where they run both registered and commercial Angus cattle and operate a feedlot.

Dameron has served as president of the Illinois Angus Assn., the Central Illinois Angus Assn., the Lexington, Ill., Board of Education and during his terms on the American Angus Assn. headed many of the committees, last year serving as chairman of the Executive Committee.

Dick Janssen operates Green Garden Angus Farm that was established in 1932 by his father Hershel. It has been in continuous production of registered Angus for 56 years. He and his family operate a 3,000-acre diversified cattle and grain farm with some 125 mature Angus cows. Janssen is past president of the Kansas Angus Assn., served as committee member and then chairman of the Kansas Bull Test committee and has been involved in many other livestock and community organizations.

Members of the board of directors are elected to three-year terms and are limited to two successive terms.

Ralph Bridges, Lexington, Ga., started farming as a sharecropper when he graduated from high school. He bought his first Angus in 1944 and today runs 400 head of registered Angus and 650 commercial cows. He also produces a half million turkeys annually. Bridges is director of his local cattlemen's association and of the Georgia Cattlemen's Assn., and is serving his second term as vice president of the Georgia Angus Assn.



Executive Vice President Richard Spader and some of the 230 delegates to the annual meeting of the American Angus Assn.



Newly elected board members Ralph Bridges, Carl Dudensing, and Glen Swanson look to the year ahead.



Gary and Mrs. Dameron (Sharon).



The Dameron family of Lexington, Ill. From left: Sharon, Christy, Jeff, Julie, Jay, and Mrs. Laverne Dameron.



Newly elected to the presidency of the Association, Gary Dameron, on right, receives congratulatory support from former board members Wayne Wyble, Opelousas, La., and Jerry Williams, Lockney, Texas.

Foundation adds notable names to its roster

Carl Dudensing of New Ulm, Texas, lives on and operates 4D Angus in partnership with his wife Linda, and Doug and Gracie Slattery. He added the registered Angus operation to the ranch that has been in his family for 130 years. Dudensing passed the Texas Bar exam in 1961 and practices law in Houston. He has served on the boards of the American Bar Assn. and the Texas Trial Lawyers Assn. Dudensing is a director of the Texas Angus Assn. and president of the Gulf Coast Angus Assn.

Glen Swanson, Durant, Iowa, purchased his first registered Angus as a 4-H club project when he was 10 years old. Today, he and his family farm some 1,200 acres and have a registered herd of 12.5 cows. Swanson has served as director and president of the Iowa Beef Breeds Council. He was twice president of the Iowa Angus Assn. and served as a board member of the Iowa Cattlemen's Assn.

Bob Thomas, Baker, Ore., will serve his second term on the American Angus Assn. Board of Directors. An Iowa native, he has spent the last 25 years in Oregon where he established Thomas Angus Ranch, which he operates in partnership with his family. Thomas is a past Oregon Seedstock Producer of the Year and has served on the board of directors of both the Oregon and Western States Angus Assns. On the American Angus Assn. Board he has served on the breed improvement, public relations, planning and industry, and rules and arbitration committees.

Keith Stevenson, Hobson, Mont., was elected to his second term on the American Angus Assn. Board of Directors, where he has served on the planning and industry, breed improvement, and activi-



With his granddaughter KayDee, Wellard E. Catlin. Presenting is Association president Gary Dameron. Catlin began his Angus interest in 1921 and was responsible for introducing Angus to many areas of the western United States.



Consultant to the American Angus Assn. during the formation of the AHIR program and Angus Sire Evaluation Report, beef cattle researcher Dr. Richard L. "Dick" Willham.

ties committees. His family has raised Angus since 1947, and Stevenson and his family operate Stevenson Angus Ranch. He and his brother Wayne, who runs Basin Angus Ranch, have some 1,200 head of registered Angus cows.



The late Floyd Dievert of Danville, Ky., became instrumental in building Angus concentrations in his adopted state. Accepting are Mrs. Dievert and Tim Dievert of Danville.



W. B. "Bill" McSpadden, an Association fieldman, two-term member of the Board of Directors of the American Angus Assn., and former manager of the All-American Angus Breeder's Futurity.

Some Angus leaders and promoters who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the Angus breed and the American Angus Assn. were selected for induction into the Angus Heritage Foundation. They were formally inducted on Monday, November 14, at the 105th Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Association in Louisville, Ky.

The Foundation inductees were: Wellard Catlin, Yakima, Wash.; W.B. "Bill" McSpadden, Chilhowie, Va.; Dr. Richard Willham, Ames, Iowa; and the late Floyd Dievert, Danville, Ky.

The names of the individuals will be engraved on the Angus Heritage Foundation plaque that hangs in the headquarters of the American Angus Assn. in St. Joseph, Mo. Their photographs and a brief biography will be printed in the Angus Heritage Foundation booklet.

Wellard E. Catlin is one of the pioneers of the Angus breed in the United States. He purchased his first Angus in 1921 as a 4-H club member and hauled it by team and wagon 28 miles to his home in Vinton, Iowa. While attending Iowa State College, he worked at the cattle barns under the instruction of the legendary George Edwards.



New officers and directors of the American Angus Assn. are shown, from left: Ralph Bridges, Lexington, Ga.; Glen Swanson, Durant, Iowa; Carl Dudensing, New Ulm, Texas; Bob Thomas, Baker, Ore.; Keith Stevenson, Hobson, Mont.; Richard Janssen, Ellsworth, Kan., vice president; and President Gary Dameron, Lexington, Ill.

Catlin fitted and showed the grand champion Angus female at the Chicago International Livestock Exposition in 1923 for Carl Rosenfelt of Kelley, Iowa. In 1927 he left Iowa and went west to Yakima, Wash., to work for the well-known Congdon and Battles Angus herd, as herdsman. Catlin exhibited Angus cattle in 43 states and seven provinces in Canada for the firm and played a major role in introducing Angus to many parts of the West.

He established his own herd, Appleland Angus in Yakima, producing larger-framed Eileenmere cattle. In the late 1960s and early '70s his herd went on to establish many of the most prominent herds in the western United States.

No person has devoted more of his life to the advancement and promotion of the Angus breed than W.B. "Bill" McSpadden of Chilhowie, Va. He still operates a herd of registered Angus started by his father in 1916 as White Oak Spring Farm.

McSpadden helped develop the American Angus Assn.'s Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program and promoted it extensively throughout the United States in his position as official classifier from 1968 to the early 1970s.

He served two terms on the Board of Directors of the American Angus Assn. from 1965 to 1971, and five terms on the Virginia Angus Assn. Board and two

terms as its president in 1961 and 1974. McSpadden, a fieldman for the American Angus Assn. from 1947 to 1951, met his wife Clara when she was employed with the Association in Chicago. The two of them managed the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity for 23 years from 1951 to 1974.

Dr. Richard L. "Dick" Willham is one of the nation's leading beef cattle researchers and educators, and has had a profound influence on the American Angus Assn. and the Angus breed.

He served for many years as a consultant to the American Angus Assn. performance programs department. He helped incorporate estimated breeding values (EBVs) into the AHIR department in 1971, and later that year helped author the Beef Improvement Federation guidelines for national sire evaluation which was adopted by the Association in 1972.

Willham, in 1980, helped develop field data sire evaluation which led to the Angus Sire Evaluation Report as we know it today. He was a prime mover in the design, development, and implementation of the sire evaluation programs as used today by the Angus and many other breeds.

For all his many accomplishments in the Angus breed, Floyd D. Dievert made his greatest contributions as a promoter of the Angus breed and a leader of Angus people.

Through his efforts, central Kentucky developed one of the greatest concentrations of Angus cattle in the world. He was instrumental in forming the Central Kentucky Angus Assn. and helped build its sales barn in Garrard County.

Dievert came to Kentucky in 1945 from his native Oklahoma to work for Reverie Knoll Farm where he fitted Master Prince of Sunbeam, the grand champion Angus bull at the 1947 International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. He bred many well-known champions while at Reverie Knoll Farm and later at his own Bluegrass Angus Farm operation near Danville.

Dievert was also a very successful Angus sales manager which gave him the opportunity to aggressively promote the Angus breed.

The Angus Heritage Foundation was initiated in 1983 by the American Angus Assn. Fifty individuals were inducted the first year and up to three people can be inducted annually.

The 1988 selection committee was composed of Robert Swaim, Marshall, Ind.; J.H. Quisenberry Jr., Winchester, Ky.; Henry Gardiner Ashland, Kan.; and Bill Roche, Galt, Calif.

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