

Missouri Breeder To Lead American Angus Association

Paul "Butch" Meier, a Jackson, Mo., farmer and Angus breeder, is the new president of the American Angus Association. He was elected along with a vice president and five directors at the Association's 1993 Annual Meeting Nov. 15 in Louisville, Ky.

Elected vice president was T.D. Steele, Roanoke, Va. The five men elected to the 15 member board of directors are: Howard Hillman,



"I'm looking forward to working with the Board of Directors this year. They're a talented, diverse group with a broad, working-knowledge of the industry. My goal as president is to keep the Angus breed in the forefront. To accomplish that we have to stress Angus genetics, not just a black hide, to the beef industry."

— Butch Meier, American Angus Association president

Canova, S.D.; Richard McClung Jr., New Market, Va.; Bill Rishel, North Platte, Neb.; Lawrason Sayre, Churchville, Md.; and Stanley Watts, Johnson City, Tenn.

The new president operates Butch's Angus near Jackson, Mo., on the farm where he grew up. He purchased his first Angus cattle for a 4-H project. Meier was elected to the Association Board of Directors in 1986 and served two three-year terms. He was elected vice president for the 1993 fiscal year.

A 1970 graduate of the University of Missouri with a degree in animal science, Meier was a member of the junior and senior livestock judging teams, and the Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta honor societies. He later studied at the University of Georgia at Athens where he coached the livestock judging team before returning to the family farm.

In addition to farming and breeding Angus cattle, Meier has been active in Angus and beef cattle activities. A long-time member of the Missouri Angus Association, he served as president in 1983. He is past president of the Southeast Missouri Cattlemen's Association and for two years served as chairman of the Cape Girardeau County University of Missouri Extension Council. In 1979 he was selected as Missouri's Outstanding Young Farmer by the United States Jaycees.

Meier and his wife, Eileen,



Richard McClung (at podium) answers a question from an Association member at the candidate forum Nov. 14 in Louisville. The forum gives officer and board candidates a chance to express their viewpoints and discuss important issues with members before the election.

have two sons, Bryan and Greg, who are also active in Angus and junior Angus activities.

T.D. Steele, the Association's new vice president started in the Angus business in 1950 in partnership with his father. He has operated the Lynn Brae herd at Roanoke, Va., since 1955. His son, Roger, joined him in business in 1980 and they purchased Mill Brae Ranch near Maple Hill, Kan.

Born in West Virginia, he received his A.B. degree from Harvard University. After serving three years in the U.S. Navy, he earned his master's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He has been an active real estate developer since 1950.

In 1984 Steele was elected to the board of directors of the Certified Angus Beef Program. Three years later he



Linda Brost, Marshall, Ill., is the newly elected president of the American Angus Auxiliary. Linda and her husband, Gary, manage Forsythe Cattle Company and have been active members since 1969.

was elected to the American Angus Association Board of Directors and served two three-year terms. During the 1993 fiscal year he was treasurer of the American Angus Association.

Introducing Your New Directors

Howard Hillman, Canova, SD., was elected to his first three-year term on the American Angus Association Board of Directors. He, his wife JoAnne and son Brad own and manage Bon View Farms, a 3,000-acre farming and beef operation in southeastern South Dakota.

The farm was homesteaded in 1882 by Howard's grandfather who bought his first Angus bull in 1908. Howard's father, Clarence, founded the registered Angus herd in 1918. Today it includes some 300 registered Angus females. The herd has been enrolled in the Angus Herd Improvement Records program since 1968.

Hillman has exhibited cattle at most major cattle shows, and is recognized as an outstanding Angus judge.

Richard McClung Jr. is managing partner of Wehrmann Angus, New Market, Va., and was elected to his first three-year term on the Association Board of Directors.

Raised on a livestock farm near Lewisburg, W.Va., he was active in both 4-H and FFA. He is a graduate of Greenbrier Military School and earned his degree in animal science at West Virginia University, where he was active in Block and Bridle and a member of the livestock judging team.

His work with Angus began some 38 years ago and he managed farms in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Georgia and Virginia. He has served on the boards of the Virginia Angus Association and the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association.

Bill Rishel is a native of Pennsylvania, who since 1975 has operated Rishel Angus near North Platte, Neb. He was elected to his second three-year term on the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Rishel grew up on a livestock and crop farm near York, Pa. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in animal science and animal breeding from Pennsylvania State University. He was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Alpha Zeta honorary societies, and a member of the livestock judging team. He was high individual judge at the International Livestock Exposition.

Before moving to Nebraska he managed Sayre Farms, Phelps, N.Y., with his brother, Ed, then managed Topp Hill Farms at Hillsdale, N.Y. He and his wife,

Barb, have three daughters— Jill, Joy and Judy— all involved in the family operation.

Lawrason Sayre, owner of Waffle Hill Farm, Churchville, Md., was elected to his second term on the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Sayre began his Angus operation in 1960 with the purchase of four registered Angus heifers. The herd today numbers 130 females run on 320 acres of hay and pastureland. He is chairman of the Maryland Beef Council, on the Agriculture Advisory Board of the University of Maryland, on the board of the county soil conservation district, the county planning and advisory board, and the Farm Bureau.

A native of Maryland, he grew up on the family farm and earned a degree in civil engineering from Yale University. He served as a Marine Corps officer in the Korean Conflict then worked as an engineer before returning to the farm. The family-run operation has been cited by both *Angus Journal* and the National Cattlemen's Association for its environmental stewardship efforts.

Stanley Watts, a native of Alexandria, Va., and a Tennessee Angus cattle breeder, was re-elected to his second term on the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Watts is a graduate of Emory & Henry College, and earned his masters degree from Mississippi State University in 1967. He started in the Angus business in 1970 as manager for Steadman Farms, a family operation owned by his father-in-law. Watts continued to manage the herd when it was sold to Powell Farms in 1985. Stanley and his wife, Carolyn, have two children, Katie and Brandon.

Watts served for two years as executive vice president of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association. He was instrumental in forming the Tennessee Beef Cattle Improvement Association and served as its first president from 1985-87.

Newly elected leaders of the American Angus Association are (l to r): Stanley Watts, director; Lawrason Sayre, director; Howard Hillman, director; Bill Rishel, director; Richard McClung, director; T. D. Steele, vice president; and Paul "Butch" Meier, president.

