

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Check voting eligibility

American Angus Association members wanting to participate in the Board of Directors election and other business this fall need to meet four eligibility requirements before 4:30 p.m. CDT April 10.

According to Association bylaws, only eligible voting members can nominate, be nominated, vote or be elected in the annual election of delegates. To participate in the electoral process and other business during the 137th Annual Convention of Delegates, a member must be considered an eligible voting member and must meet all of the following requirements by 4:30 p.m. CDT April 10:

1. Active regular or life membership (dues paid in full)
2. 18 years of age or older
3. Registered at least one animal or completed at least \$250 of business with the Association or Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) within the preceding 12 months from when the nomination period begins (from April 8, 2019, to April 10, 2020)

4. Be current with all financial obligations to the American Angus Association and all of its subsidiaries when the nominating period begins.

The fourth requirement is new this year and is the result of a bylaw amendment approved by delegates at the 136th Annual Convention of Delegates in Reno, Nev.

It is encouraged to submit all necessary requirements with sufficient time for completion prior to April 10. The Association will mail delegate nomination forms only to active regular and life members who qualify as eligible voting members prior to 4:30 p.m. CDT on April 10.

Contact the Association at 816-383-5100 with any questions, or reference the bylaws of the Association online at www.angus.org, referring to the applicable "Section 3.6: Determination of Eligible Voting Members" in "Article III: Convention of Delegates."

The 137th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, during the Angus Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Online registration for the convention will begin July 1 at www.angusconvention.com.

Delegate nomination forms

Preparations are being made for the American Angus Association's 2020 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Kansas City, Mo. Forms to nominate delegates to the annual meeting will be mailed to every active life and regular member of the Association who qualifies as an eligible voting

member prior to April 10, according to the Bylaws.

The nomination period is April 13-June 12. Each eligible voting member is allowed to nominate one eligible voting member who resides in the same state or district, including himself or herself. The candidate should be highly involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Signed nomination forms must be received in the Association office by mail or online submission no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT on June 12, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to all eligible voting members in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the form, please return it promptly.

PAP Research EPD

The Association and Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) have released a second research expected progeny difference (EPD) for pulmonary arterial pressure (PAP). This report lists artificial insemination (AI) permitted bulls with accuracy values of greater than or equal to .40 for the trait. To learn more and download the report, visit www.angus.org/performance/ahirdefault.aspx#pap.

AngusLink ad for sale books

AngusLinkSM promotional ads are available for Angus breeders to use in their sale books. AngusLink combines USDA Process Verified Programs (PVP) with a genetic merit scorecard that gives buyers confidence in

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your customers' calves. Go to www.angus.org/pub/SaleBookInserts.aspx to download an ad that fits the size you need for your sale book.

Raising the Bar conference

This year, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) will be "Climbing to New Angus Peaks" at the Raising the Bar conference, April 16-19, 2020, in Denver.

The conference builds stronger leaders and creates lasting friendships while exploring secondary education options. Participants will tour the Colorado State University (CSU) campus, visit local farms and ranches and will participate in workshops while networking with fellow juniors.

Registration deadline is March 15. Visit www.njaa.info for the registration form and more information. No parents or state advisors will be allowed to attend.

Focus on the Future

The 2020 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) will take place July 5-11 in Harrisburg, Pa.

More than 1,200 head of cattle are expected to compete in the show ring at this year's NJAS, themed "Focus on the Future".

The classes offered will provide opportunities for juniors to exhibit their owned heifers, bred-and-owned (B&O) heifers, cow-calf pairs, steers, and B&O bulls.

Foundation scholarships

The Angus Foundation will award undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2020 NJAS in Harrisburg, Pa.

Eligibility requirements for the general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from

high school or in college currently may also be eligible for other Angus-related scholarships that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Foundation will make available graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Applicants must have at one time been an NJAA member and currently be a junior, regular or life member of the Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate student scholarship applications are available at www.angusfoundation.org.

The application deadline is May 1. For more information, contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Herds of the century

The Century Award recognizes members who have been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 100 years or more.

Award recipients are recognized with an engraved plaque at the Association's Annual Awards Banquet, notice in the *Angus Journal*, and a list maintained on the Association's website.

Applications are available online at www.angus.org/Custom/AwardsAndRecognitions.aspx or by contacting the Events and Education Department. This year's awards will be presented during the Awards Recognition Breakfast in Kansas City, Mo., during the 2020 Angus Convention.

Nominate individuals

Any state junior Angus association can nominate its advisor(s) to be

honored as the NJAA Advisor(s) of the Year. The award is presented at the NJAS and recognizes the time, effort and dedication nominated adult volunteers give to their state junior Angus association.

Individuals can also nominate Angus enthusiasts for the Honorary Angus Foundation. This award is also presented during the NJAS and recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to junior Angus programs.

Nomination forms are available by contacting the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5100. Nominations for both honors are due to the Events and Education Department by March 1.

Black Books available

Members, get your two free 2020 Angus Black Books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. Orders of more than two are available for \$3.25 each. Each book is customized with the Association's logo and contact information on the back cover.

To order, contact the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or email blackbooks@angus.org.

Auxiliary scholarships

The American Angus Auxiliary annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The postmark deadline for the national contest is May 1.

Junior Angus members must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition.

Applications and State Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are available at www.angusauxiliary.com.

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CURRENT ASSOCIATION FEES

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. Be sure to send the correct amount of money with the work being requested, as incorrect payments are the main cause of delays.

REGISTRATIONS

- Applications for animals less than 4 months of age\$7
- Applications for animals 4-10 months of age \$9
- Applications for animals 10-12 months of age\$14
- Applications for animals more than 12 months of age \$27

TRANSFERS

- Applications received less than 30 days from sale date \$5
- Applications received 30-60 days from sale date.....\$7
- Applications received more than 60 days from sale date\$12

MISCELLANEOUS

- Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) fee (per first weight submitted) \$3
- Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate.....\$10
- Regular annual membership\$80
- Regular annual membership with Angus Journal subscription..... \$130
- Lifetime membership (optional to pay in three \$500/year installments).....\$1,500
- Junior annual membership (less than 21 years of age)..... \$20
- Embryo-transfer (ET) calf..... regular registration fee plus \$10
- Cell-clone transplant calf..... regular registration fee plus \$50

Rules of the American Angus Association are included in the Breeder's Reference Guide. Free copies are available from the Association. An online version is available through the "Rules and Forms" link at www.angus.org.

BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

SYMBOL MEANING

- # Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire
- + Embryo transfer calf
- ^ Cell clone
- % Split-ET
- @ Clone-ET
- * Parentage qualified to both parents and the mating

The American Angus Association currently recognizes the following genetic conditions:

CODE MEANING

- AM Arthrogryposis multiplex
- CA Contractural arachnodactyly
- D2 PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism
- DD Developmental duplication
- DM Double muscling
- DW Dwarfism
- HG Horn gene
- HI Heterochromia irides
- M1 nt821 mutation for double muscling
- NH Neuropathic hydrocephalus
- OH Oculocutaneous hypopigmentation
- OS Osteopetrosis
- RD Red gene
- SN Syndactyly
- WT Wild type color gene

The following single-letter descriptors appearing after a genetic condition code shall have the following meaning:

- P - refers to a "potential" carrier based on an ancestor known to carry that specific mutation.
- F - refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be "free" of that specific mutation.
- C - refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a "carrier" of that specific mutation.
- A - refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a carrier of two copies of that specific mutation. It may or may not exhibit the phenotype associated with that genetic condition.

The following letter designations describe cases in which there is more than one genetic condition present:

- XF - Free of more than one genetic condition.
- XC - Carrier of more than one genetic condition.
- XA - Affected of more than one genetic condition.
- RTF - Recessive trait free (produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect).

Affiliate scholarship

The Angus Foundation will provide \$1,000 scholarships to three youth who use Angus genetics in their seedstock or commercial operations. Awards will be distributed this July.

The applicant or applicant's parents/guardians must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper in the last 36 months.

Full details can be found at www.angusfoundation.org. The Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship application is available online and is due May 1.

Feeding Quality Forum

The *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Feeding Quality Forum (FQF) is set for Aug. 25-26 in Fort Collins, Colo. The two-day event brings together cattle feeders and their cow-calf suppliers with topics that matter to both segments.

"We really try to plan an agenda that's more than just an industry update. It's thought-provoking and forward-looking," says Kara Lee, CAB production brand manager. "The people who come are ready to learn and lead."

Sessions will range from a global commodity outlook to innovations in health and trends in the beef business.

The schedule allows for networking time, including the evening banquet to celebrate the 2020 FQF Industry Achievement Award honoree.

Visit www.feedingqualityforum.com for more information.

H designated for 2020

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, H001 and H002 could designate the first two calves born into

your herd in the year 2020.

Using the international letter code is optional for Angus breeders.

For information about permanent ID (Rule 105) and naming animals (Rules 102 and 107), access the Breeder's Reference Guide.

To access the Breeder's Reference Guide from www.angus.org, click on "Member Services," in the pull-down menu under "Member Center."

Transfer assistance

If you know of a junior member who has purchased or raised a heifer that he or she wants to show, please make note of all ownership deadlines. If a deadline is approaching and you haven't received the transferred registration, the Association can help.

Contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason or circumstances.

Report new leaders

State and regional Angus associations should submit officer listings to the Association by May 1 for listing on www.angus.org. Listings may include association name, current officers, contact information and website. If you haven't received a form to update your association's listing, contact Amber Wahlgren or Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5200 or at prphotos@angus.org.

State auxiliary information is requested in the same mailing. Please be sure to complete both forms and return them in a timely manner.

Sire Evaluation Report

The printed version of the American Angus Association *Spring*

2020 Sire Evaluation Report became available mid-January. Containing the EPDs and dollar value indexes (\$Values) released Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, the evaluation includes 2,304 sires in the main report with another 2,094 bulls listed in the Young Sire Supplement.

Active members who returned their blue request cards to receive a printed copy of the report received it automatically. To request a copy, contact Brenda Weigart at the Association at bweigart@angus.org or 816-383-5144.

2020 Angus Convention

Mark your calendars to attend the 2020 Angus Convention at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 7-9.

Booth information is also available at www.angusconvention.com.

Registration and hotel blocks will open July 1.

The convention offers producers and industry leaders opportunities for networking, education and breed improvement, in addition to conducting the business of the American Angus Association.

Angus wins Best of NAMA awards

The American Angus Association communications team was recognized with Best of National AgriMarketing Association (NAMA) awards on Jan. 9, at the yearly awards event for region II. NAMA is the nation's largest association for professionals in marketing and agribusiness. The winning entries that will advance to the national competition in April include:

First place, Television Advertisement, Single or Series category — AngusLink commercial
First place, Company Publications,

Annual Reports category — 2018 American Angus Association Annual Report

First place, Video Feature category— *I Am Angus | The Art of Greatness* documentary

Merit, Company-Funded PR campaign Element Directed to Consumers category — *Losing Ground* documentary.

Sale/field-day kit

Producers planning a summer field day or a fall sale can request a sale-day kit or field-day planner and kit from the American Angus Association. Go online and visit The Angus Brand at www.shop.angus.org to find educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs. Printed literature is still free, but will now include the cost of shipping.

Custom cattle tags

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd can visit www.customcattletags.com, a service provided by the American Angus Association. Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, low-cost, customized ear tags, Tissue Sampling Units (TSUs), sale tags and 840 radio frequency identification (RFID) tags for cattle producers across the United States. 