# **MEMBERSHIP** TIPS

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## Election process "close-up"

How can I get more involved with the national election process?

Each year our voting delegation is scheduled to convene at the Annual Meeting, and this year we will be celebrating our 138th Annual Convention of Delegates at the Angus Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. The voting delegates are asked to evaluate any proposed amendments to American Angus Association bylaws and elect Association leadership.

This is described within the Breeder's Reference Guide under Article III Section 3.1, which states, "In lieu of meetings of the members, the Association shall have Conventions of Delegates, with such delegates to be chosen in accordance with these Bylaws by a representative of each Active Life Member and Active Regular Member."

## How can I participate in the voting process?

The first step in participating in the election process is to be certain you are an eligible voting member. 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 138th Annual Convention of Delegates, a member must be considered an eligible voting member and must have met all the following requirements by 4:30 p.m. CDT on April 9:

- Active regular or life membership (dues paid in full).
- 18 years of age or older.
- Registered at least one animal

- or completed at least \$250 of business with the Association or Angus Genetics Inc. within the preceding 12 months from when the nomination period begins (April 12, 2020, to April 9, 2021).
- Be current with all financial obligations to the American Angus Association and all its subsidiaries when the nomination period begins.

It is encouraged to submit all necessary requirements with enough time for completion prior to the April 9 deadline.

You can check to see your eligibility status within your AAA Login account by clicking on "My Account" and then "My AAA Information." Keep in mind your eligibility box will become unchecked if your dues expire between now and April 9.

#### Considerations

- An eligible voting member can nominate him/herself.
- Each eligible voting member can make only one nomination.
- Only one individual from each eligible voting member can be placed on the ballot.
- It is best to nominate an eligible voting member who, if elected, will attend the Annual Convention.
- Names are placed on the ballot in order of date received.



• After the nomination period ends, ballots are prepared and mailed to life and regular members that have qualified as an eligible voting member.

#### **Bylaws**

Nomination procedures are set forth in the bylaws of the American Angus Association in Article III Convention of Delegates, Section 3.7 Nomination of Delegates. The bylaws can be found in the Breeder's Reference Guide in the "Rules and Forms" section. Refer to www.angus. org to access the complete bylaws of

the American Angus Association, or contact the American Angus **Association Member Services** Department at 816-383-5100 with any questions regarding the election process. Al

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### Important dates

April 9 Voter eligibility ends 4:30pm CDT

June 11 Nominations closed 4:30pm CDT

Ballots to elect state delegates July 19 are mailed.

Signed ballots due in the **Aug. 10** Association office no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT

Annual Convention of Delegates, Nov. 8 Fort Worth, Texas

