

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 8.

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 139th 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 8:

- Active regular or life

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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. (AGI) within the preceding 12 months from when the nomination period begins (from April 11, 2021, to April 8, 2022).
- Be current with all financial obligations to the American Angus Association and all of its subsidiaries when the nominating period begins.

It is encouraged to submit all necessary requirements with sufficient time for completion prior to April 8. Only active regular and life members who qualify as eligible voting members prior to 4:30 p.m. CDT April 8 will receive delegate nomination forms.

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 139th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, during the Angus Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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 2022 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Salt

Lake City, Utah. 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 8, according to the bylaws.

The nomination period is April 11-June 10. 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 June 10, 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.

Pathfinder Report

The American Angus Association 2022 Pathfinder® Report became available early February. Outstanding females and bulls are listed in the report, and, more importantly, the breeders who are keeping Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) of performance are identified as owners of Pathfinder Cows and Pathfinder Sires. The 2022 report includes 7,636 cows and 266 sires.

The online report and more information can be found at www.angus.org/performance/

pathfinderinformation. To request a printed copy, contact Brenda Weigart at the Association at bweigart@angus.org or 816-383-5144.

Angus at Work podcast launched

It's no secret cattlemen and women are busy, and no two days look the same.



That's why the *Angus Beef Bulletin* team launched its new podcast, *Angus at Work*, March 2, to give cattlemen another option for on-the-go information.

Today's cattle industry is complicated by rising input costs, a fickle marketplace and pressure from outside industry forces. *Angus at Work* will help producers stay informed on topics that affect their bottom line.

The podcast will air twice per month and will be hosted by *Angus Beef Bulletin* editors Kasey Brown, Shauna Hermel and Miranda Reiman. Early episode topics include blind spots in calf health, intricacies of direct marketing and programming fertility.

Subscribe to the podcast at Apple podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, Pandora, Overcast, Castro, Castbox or Podfriend. Access *Angus at Work*, the *Angus Beef Bulletin* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin EXTRA* at www.angusbeefbulletin.com/extra.

Hermel honored by LPC



Shauna Hermel, *Angus Beef Bulletin* editor, was announced as the 2022 Livestock Publication Council's (LPC) Hall of Fame inductee Feb. 2.

Hermel started her career as an assistant and then associate editor for the *National Hog Farmer* and *BEEF* magazines under Joe Roybal in Minneapolis, Minn. She was offered the opportunity to get back to her roots in Missouri and the Angus breed in September 1997.

During her tenure, she's served as editor of the *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin*.

She created the *Angus Beef Bulletin EXTRA*, *AJ Daily*, numerous topic websites and virtual library, and the Feeder-Calf Marketing Guide. She also pioneered online meeting coverage of industry events.

Hermel has earned the Master Writer recognition from the Ag Comm Network, led the *Angus Beef Bulletin* to win LPC's Flanagan Award twice, and earned numerous writing and photography awards from LPC and American Ag Editors Association. She's been an LPC board member and was program chairman for Ag Media Summit.

Hermel will be recognized July 19, during the 2022 Ag Media Summit in Raleigh, N.C.

National Junior Angus Show

The 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) will take place July 2-9 in Kansas City, Mo.

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

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

Check the NJAA website, www.angus.org/NJAA, for information on contest and cattle deadlines.

Transfer assistance

If you know of a junior member who has purchased or raised a heifer he or she wants to show, please make note of all ownership deadlines.

If a deadline is approaching and you have not 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.

Angus Foundation scholarships

The Angus Foundation will award undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2022 NJAS in Kansas City, Mo.

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 scholarships permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Angus Foundation will also 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 a National Junior Angus Association (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

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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	\$12
Applications for animals 4-10 months of age	\$14
Applications for animals 10-12 months of age	\$19
Applications for animals more than 12 months of age	\$32

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).

applications are available at www.angusfoundation.org.

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

Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship

The Angus Foundation will award four \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate students who use Angus genetics in a commercial cattle operation's breeding program or whose parents use Angus genetics. Emphasis will be placed on applicants' knowledge of the cattle industry and perspective of the Angus breed.

The applicants or their parents/guardians must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper in the last 36 months (on or after May 1, 2019) and must be considered commercial and not seedstock in their operation. The scholarship applies to any field of study. A separate application from the general Angus Foundation application is required for the Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship. The application can be found on www.angusfoundation.org, and the deadline is May 1.

Applicants having received or applied for Angus Foundation undergraduate scholarships, using the standard general application this year or in past years, will not be considered for this scholarship.

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.

Colvin Scholarships applications due

Developed in 1999, when Louis M. “Mick” Colvin retired as the executive director of Certified Angus Beef (CAB), the Colvin Scholarship Fund recognizes his role in making dreams a reality and inspiring others to be their best. Colvin co-founded the CAB brand in 1978, leading it to provide the world’s leading brand of fresh beef. The scholarship fund benefits tomorrow’s leaders who are involved in their communities and the beef industry.

Several scholarships are available for undergrad, graduate and trade school students. The deadline to apply is April 29, 2022.

Application details are available at www.certifiedangusbeef.com/press/colvin/index.php.

2022 Angus Convention

Mark your calendars to attend the 2022 Angus Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 5-7.

Booth information is 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.

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, a notice in the *Angus Journal* and a place on a list maintained on the Association’s website.

Applications are available online at www.angus.org/Customer/AwardsAndRecognitions or by contacting the Events and Education Department, and are due by June 1 to be recognized in 2022.

This year’s awards will be presented during the 2022 Angus Convention.

Advertise in the Heritage Herds issue

The *Angus Journal* will be recognizing Historic Angus Herds in the special “Heritage Herds” issue in the July 2022 *Angus Journal*. A special section will be dedicated to the Angus breeders and their families who have carried on the heritage of raising Angus cattle for more than 50 years.

Angus breeders with Historic Angus Herds interested in advertising in the Heritage Herd issue may contact their regional manager; Kaysie Wiederholt, advertising coordinator/graphic designer, at kwiederhold@angus.org; Glenna Schantz, advertising coordinator, at gschantz@angus.org; or call the advertising department at 816-383-5200.

CAB Staff Promoted

Many Angus breeders recognize Kara Lee and Paul Dykstra as resources for high-quality beef production, but it is their thoughtful approach to customer service and breadth of leadership across the supply chain that earned them each an upgraded job title.

Kara Lee was recently promoted to director of producer engagement at CAB. With more than 12 years

of experience, she has developed relationships with Angus seedstock producers through the *Targeting the Brand™* program and crafts marketing messages to encourage a carcass-quality focus. She also hosts the Beef Leaders Institute experience, leads the Feeding Quality Forum program and actively supports youth programs and outreach efforts.

Paul Dykstra was recently promoted to CAB director of supply management and analysis. In his 20 years with the brand, he is the in-house market expert and authors the *CAB Insider*. Because of his ability to communicate cattle and beef market dynamics and how they relate to production, Paul is often sought to share his insight at industry events and cattle sales across the country.

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, auxiliary officers, contact information and website.

If you haven’t received an email to update your association’s listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5100 or at lmaudlin@angus.org.

Angus Day of Giving

To celebrate the arrival of the first Angus bulls at Victoria, Kan., and to grow opportunities for Angus juniors and breeders alike, the Angus Foundation is hosting its annual Angus Day of Giving May 17, 2022.

Save the date and make plans to make your Angus Fund gift on the Angus Day of Giving. Keep an eye on social media and your inbox for more details and opportunities to grow your impact by having your gift matched. 