

Eight Seek Board Positions

Eight members announce candidacies for American Angus Association Board positions in November.

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Eight members have declared their intention to run for a position on the American Angus Association Board of Directors this November.

Kimeric DeLashmutt, Oregon; and Guy Laffin, Montana; are each seeking election to their first three-year term.

Seeking re-election to serve their second consecutive terms are Richard Dyar, Alabama; Dave Hinman, Montana; Alan Miller, Illinois; Jonathan Perry, Tennessee; and Barry Pollard, Oklahoma.

Tom Burke, Missouri, is seeking election to serve his second three-year term.

The delegates listed beginning on page 188 will elect five directors, a president and chairman of the Board; a vice president and vice chairman of the Board, as well as vote on any bylaw amendments that may be presented at the Association's 136th Annual Convention of Delegates.

The meeting will convene at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at the Peppermill Resort, Spa & Casino, in Reno, Nev., during the Angus Convention. See the Convention program packaged along with this issue for a full schedule of all the event's activities.

Biographical sketches provided by the candidates follow.

Tom Burke, Missouri

Tom Burke has declared his candidacy because of his longtime love, dedication and devotion to the Angus breed.

A fourth-generation Angus breeder, Tom's great-grandfather used registered-Angus bulls in the late 1800s.

His grandfather, father and uncle were all registered-Angus breeders. Today, Tom is an owner of the original Burke Farm located in southeastern Minnesota. The farm was homesteaded 133 years ago and is recognized as one of Minnesota's century farms.

In 1959, at age 16, Tom cast his first vote as a delegate to the American Angus Association annual meeting and has served as a delegate for many years.

A charter member of the Minnesota Junior Angus Association, Tom was elected the organization's first president in 1960 and served three consecutive terms. Tom was elected Minnesota FFA vice president in 1962. In 1963, he was elected president of the 40,000-member Minnesota 4-H Federation.



Tom Burke

After completing his military obligation, Tom joined the *Drovers Journal* as a fieldman for two years in the 12 southeastern states.

In the 1960s, Tom joined the staff of J.B. McCorkle, a national Angus sale-management firm in Smithville, Mo. He continued the sale-management business after McCorkle's death.

Tom served on the Missouri Angus Association board from 1971-1973, and as vice president in 1973 and 1974. He was a chairman of the association's state show and sale in 1974. In 1972, the Missouri Junior Angus Association recognized him as its "Man of the Year." Tom hosted the Missouri Angus Association State Field Days in 1987, 1992 and 2019. He is one of the five original life members of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

Tom was elected chairman of The All-American Angus Breeder's Futurity in 1972 and continues in that role today. In 1974, he was appointed to the board of the International Live Stock Show in Chicago, Ill. He is a charter member of the Atlantic National Angus Show, serving on the board of trustees since the show's inception in 1987. Tom was the official announcer for all 34 Atlantic Nationals, and the 1993, 1996 and 2007 shows were dedicated to him.

Tom has been an Angus sale manager for 52 years, conducting more than 10,000 Angus auctions, averaging more than 175 registered-Angus sales per year. He has conducted Angus sales in 47 states, six Canadian provinces, the Caribbean, Mexico and Scotland. He takes pride in managing and conducting Angus sales of all types and sizes, and he treasures the lifelong friendships he has made. In 1994, he was recognized as “Marketer of the Year” during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

Tom has addressed Angus field days in more than 35 states and five Canadian provinces. He has traveled extensively internationally on behalf of the Angus breed and served as a U.S. delegate to the World Angus Secretariat in 2015 in Mexico. In 1993, *USA Today* recognized him as the most-traveled person in America.

For 20 consecutive years, Tom was honored by the American Angus Association as “Promoter of the Year.” During that period, he recruited more than 1,000 adult and junior members.

On numerous occasions, the American Angus Auxiliary has honored Tom for his work on its behalf. He has been the longest-serving judge of the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off.

Tom has attended all 53 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contests, as well as all 51 national Junior Angus Shows (NJAS), serving as announcer or master of ceremonies at several of them. Annually Tom addresses animal science students in 20 colleges and

universities across America.

He was inducted into the American Angus Association Angus Heritage Foundation in 2004 and was presented with the American Angus Association Historic Angus Herd Award in 2006. The Kansas Angus Association selected him as an honorary member in 2005. The Georgia Angus Association honored him as a lifetime honorary member in 2017, and in 2012 the Illinois Angus Association honored him as “Man of the Year.” In 2013 the Livestock Publications Council (LPC) presented Tom with his most coveted honor, the “Headliner Award.”

Tom has co-authored 11 Angus books, and in 2008 he was elected to the International Stockyard’s board of directors. In 2016, Tom received the Conklin Company’s Francis Childs Award.

Today he owns 200 registered-Angus cows and has 40 bulls in major artificial insemination (AI) studs. He is involved daily at the American Angus Hall of Fame, which is home of the largest collection of Angus history in the world. Tom is a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Weston, Mo.

Tom’s first registered Angus female, Maze of Dodge, was born May 28, 1942, and carried registration #700503. Today as 19,500,000 head of registered-Angus cattle have begun processing, Tom has seen 96.4% of the breed in the United States unveiled during his lifetime, which gives him a broad insight into the Business Breed.

In 2017, Tom received the highest award in the livestock industry with his induction into the Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery.

He travels 340 days a year on behalf of the Angus breed. His life is Angus cattle. As a director of the American Angus Association, Tom will be very accessible. He won’t have to be found, he will find you if you have a question or problems.

Kimeric DeLashmutt, Oregon

With the support and encouragement of numerous members nationwide, Kimeric DeLashmutt of Redmond, Ore., has declared his candidacy for the upcoming election of the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Kimeric is a lifetime cattleman of five generations and a second-generation purebred cattleman. He was born and raised in Oregon, resided in Kansas while studying at Kansas State University (K-State) and lived in Missouri for several years all the while raising elite genetics in the cattle business. Kimeric returned to the Northwest where he began his present Angus business, K Bar D, in the scenic high desert of central Oregon where he and his wife, Camille, reside today.

Passion and persistence have been the driving force in Kimeric’s lifetime journey in the cattle business. His mother, Agnes, continues to play an integral role in their operation. Once the herdsman of their family-owned and operated Simmental program during the late 1970s through the early 1990s, their program established prominence producing



Kimeric DeLashmutt

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dark red homozygous polled genetics which impacted the breed for years to come. As the beef cattle industry was undergoing dramatic change, Kimeric made the decision to begin with Angus, the Business Breed, and K Bar D was founded.

K Bar D purchased their first seedstock from Whitestone, Krebs and Quirk Land & Cattle, and quickly grew into a larger operation that currently produces bulls, show heifers, embryos and genetic packages at both the commercial and purebred levels. As their tagline "Building Better Beef" proclaims, K Bar D genetics bridge the gap between the ring and the rail with an exceptional phenotype and a balanced data package, driven by cow power and intense sire selection. These genetics have proven fruitful with multiple champions at the Roll of Victory (ROV) level including Champion Sale Bull at the NWSS, and multiple division champions over the years. K Bar D has been recognized as Oregon Angus Breeder of the Year, and is consistently ranked as a top breeder with the American Angus Association.

Kimeric has served two terms on the board of directors for the Western States Angus Association, two terms on the board of directors for the Oregon Angus Association, as well as two terms as president of the Oregon Angus Association. He was instrumental in developing the Western Supreme Angus Sale, now the Cascade Spectacular sale, futurity and jackpot event.

K Bar D hosts their own production sale each fall in late September at their Redmond ranch and online.

Kimeric and his stock can be found throughout the year and country exhibiting cattle in various

ROV shows and consignment bull events. He also enjoys judging and continually provides support to the Angus Foundation, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), the Oregon Junior Angus Association, as well as local 4-H and FFA programs.

Kimeric will bring strong ideas, transparency and an open, logical mind to the table of the American Angus Association Board of Directors. He plans to create greater communication, comradery and confidence within the membership. He feels his vast experience as a cattleman, leader and dedicated advocate to the Angus breed will best be served acting on behalf of this Association. It would be an honor for Kimeric to serve such an astute organization.

Richard Dyar, Alabama

Richard Dyar has been a life member of the American Angus Association for 45 years. The lifelong native of Alabama developed his passion for cattle and the land from his parents and grandparents, who were farmers and cattlemen. Richard is an active member of the Sardis Baptist Church.

While in high school, Richard was active in his local FFA chapter. He

served as an officer, participated on the livestock judging team and received his State Farmer Degree.

In 1971, Richard graduated from Auburn University, where he was an active member of the Block & Bridle Club and served as chairman of the Little International Showmanship Contest. Richard was also a member of the livestock judging team. While

attending Auburn, Richard worked and lived at the Swine Evaluation Station. In his spare time, he coached little league baseball.

He received a master's degree in 1977 from Western Kentucky University. While attending Western Kentucky, he chartered the Block & Bridle Club and conducted its first Little International Showmanship Contest. He also assisted with coaching the livestock judging teams.

Richard joined the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service in 1971, for which he coordinated youth and producer livestock programs in Lee County. While there he enrolled many producers in the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) and coached four county livestock judging teams that represented Alabama in national 4-H judging contests in Louisville, Ky., and Kansas City, Mo.

Richard has served as a member and president of the Alabama Purebred Beef Breeds Council. He was a board member and president of the Alabama BCIA. He received the Richard Deese Award for Outstanding Service in 2009 from the Alabama BCIA. In 2018 he received the Spirit of Alabama BCIA Award. He has served on the North Alabama Bull Test Station and Fall Roundup Bull Sale committees.

Richard helped organize the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Foundation and served as its first president. The foundation is dedicated to graduate and undergraduate scholarships and beef cattle research. He is a member of the DeKalb County and the Alabama Cattlemen's associations. Richard is an active member of the Alabama Angus Association and serves as vice president. The Richard Dyar Scholarship is awarded annually to



Richard Dyar

Alabama junior Angus members.

Richard joined the American Angus Association staff Nov. 1, 1978, and served as regional manager for 35-and-a-half years. He proudly served the breeders in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. During his career he served on long-range planning sessions conducted by the Board and worked closely with the junior activities director in organizing the NJAA. Richard assisted with developing the Junior Angus Regional Preview Show concept for his area and helped host the first one in the region. He also assisted with coordinating ten regional junior Angus shows in his territory during his career.

Richard assisted with the complete reorganization of the Mississippi Angus Association in the early 1980s. He received the 2011 Standard of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Angus Association, the 35-Year Service Award in 2014 from the Alabama Angus Association, and the 2004 Service Award from the Mississippi Angus Association.

Richard and his family own and operate Dyar Angus Farm near Crossville, Ala., where they calve 60-70 registered-Angus cows annually. He consigns to Alabama Angus Association sales, Alabama BCIA bull sales, the Southeastern Angus Classic and others. Richard annually participates in Alabama Angus sales and activities. He received the Progressive Breeder of the Year award in 2008 as well as the Family of the Year honor in 1989 from the Alabama Angus Association.

His daughter, Amy Dyar, lives on the farm and is the Work Based Learning Coordinator for Dekalb County. She received her Ph.D from Auburn University in 2017. Amy exhibited heifers at state, regional

and national junior Angus shows from age nine until she served on the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) from 1997 to 1999.

Richard has two stepsons, Ketrina has two daughters and they have 12 grandchildren who enjoy sports and the farm and cattle.

Richard has devoted his life to serving the beef cattle and Angus industries. Richard says Angus breeders have become his extended family over the years. During his first term on the Board he has served on the Angus Productions Inc. (API) board, the Finance and Planning committee and Membership and Affiliate Services committee. He has a desire to give back to the membership, the Angus breed and an Association that has been his life. Richard asks for your consideration for re-election and would be honored to continue serving as a voice for Angus breeders.

Dave Hinman, Montana

The Montana Angus Association unanimously endorses Dave Hinman of Malta, Mont., for a second term on the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association. Dave was raised on a farm near Gallatin Gateway, Mont., along with four brothers. He attended a rural country school that was a horseback ride from the farm. He later graduated high school from nearby Bozeman.

Dave's entrepreneurial spirit was apparent early on. While in high school he borrowed money to lease a hog farm, raising and feeding them to finish. Dave was drawn to

livestock, which led him to the local livestock auction market where he started working when he was 16. It was there he met a Montana cattle buyer who hired him as his assistant and mentored him through the challenges of cattle buying.

Dave and Yvonne were married in 1965. During their early years together, they continued to raise hogs, cattle and had a large band of sheep. In 1973 they bought their first registered Angus heifers marking the beginning of Hinman Angus. Soon after, they leased a ranch in Willow Creek, Mont., where they raised their two daughters, Jill and Heidi, and they all worked at calving, lambing, irrigating and haying.

Both Dave and Yvonne were 4-H leaders for all 12 years their daughters participated. In 2000, Hinman Angus had a great opportunity in Northern Montana near the town of Malta; Dave and Yvonne, along with daughter Heidi and her husband, Billy Lulloff, leased to own an 8,000-acre ranch that is now home to Hinman Angus.

Dave served on the Willow Creek School Board, the Southwest Montana Angus Association as a director and president, and the Montana Angus Association as a director and as president 1993-1995. Dave has been a delegate to the American Angus Association annual meeting for more than 20 years. Yvonne served as Montana Angus Auxiliary president 1994-1995 and American Angus Auxiliary president in 2000.

In 2004, Dave and Yvonne were presented the Wayne Stevenson Memorial award, which is given to "dedicated, enthusiastic individual(s) who have made a major contribution to Montana Angus cattle." Hinman



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Angus was recognized, along with Rollin' Rock Angus, with the 2005 CAB Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award.

In 1988 Hinman Angus along with Papa Ranch, Rollin' Rock Angus and Cedar Hills Angus formed the Performance Breeders Bull Sale. In 2009 the Hinmans moved their sale to the Malta ranch.

Built from the ground up, Hinman Angus is a successful Angus operation that now owns 600 head of registered mother cows, along with an extensive embryo transfer (ET) program. Dave's deep understanding of the issues and his passion for the Angus breed and its Association comes from a lifetime of experience living the lifestyle.

Because of his past three years serving on the Board, Dave wishes this experience is one every member could have. During that time, he served on the Breed Improvement Committee, Communication and PR Committee, Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) board and the Angus Foundation board.

If re-elected, Dave looks forward to continuing to bring important membership issues to the attention of the Board, and to also work with the new CEO, Mark McCully, who has a broad knowledge of all aspects of the Angus breed.

Dave would sincerely appreciate the consideration and support for re-election to a second term for the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association.

Guy Laffin, Montana

Fourth-generation Angus breeder Guy Laffin of Saint Ignatius, Mont., is honored to declare his candidacy for the American Angus Association Board of Directors. Guy and his son Clinton own and operate North

Camp Angus Ranch with cattle located in both Montana and Kansas.

Guy's roots in the Angus breed run deep as the Laffin family has raised registered Angus cattle since 1900. Continuing 119 years of Angus legacy by raising Angus cattle, and attending Angus events across the United States and Canada brings Laffin joy.

Guy's grandfather L.E. served on the American Angus Association Board from 1935 to 1941, and Guy would be honored to win your support and continue the family tradition of service to the Business Breed.

The Laffins strive to produce cattle bred to succeed in a variety of production environments, that excel in fertility, structural integrity as well as longevity.

Guy says the beautiful thing about the Angus breed is that breeders large and small can find success in a variety of ways by utilizing Angus genetics.

He enjoys producing cattle that meet the needs of his customer base and watching others succeed with his genetics. He travels across the country networking with breeders and evaluating cattle to better understand these needs.

Guy will bring decades of meaningful experience to the Board of Directors from multiple sectors of the Angus industry. He has served as a consultant for multiple seedstock and commercial cow-calf operations, hosted numerous registered production sales, evaluated and exhibited national champions in the show ring, and fed out loads of cattle in the feedyard.

Guy says Angus breeders,



Guy Laffin

regardless of operational goals or size, have been able to seize opportunities once they discover what kind of cattle they enjoy producing. As a Board member his goal is to create new — while expanding on existing — opportunities for the American Angus Association membership.

Creating ways to involve young or new Angus Association members is another area of importance for the K-State graduate. The NJAA served as an important building block for Guy as he served on the NJAB in the early 1980s. His son Clinton also served on the NJAB in the 2000s, making them one of the few father-son duos to both serve on the NJAB.

Guy believes finding ways to encourage and involve the newest members and recently aged out NJAA membership is critical to securing the Association's continued success. He says Angus breeders must ensure that future leaders have every opportunity to enjoy breeding Angus cattle for years to come.

As an Angus breeder and business owner Guy values common sense, communication and transparency. A similar "real-world" approach can be expected from him as a member of the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Guy looks forward to visiting with members about their concerns, needs and goals for the Angus breed moving forward.

He would be honored to serve the membership on the Board of Directors, and he is looking forward to visiting with each member.

Alan Miller, Illinois

Seeking re-election to a second term on the American Angus Association Board of Directors, Alan Miller is a third-generation

Angus breeder who grew up on his family farm near Gridley, Ill. His grandfather, Adam Schlipf, began an Angus cattle herd in the late 1940s and was active in the purebred Angus business through the 1960s. Forty years ago, Alan's parents, Orlan and Carol Miller, began revitalizing the Angus herd and named the operation Prairie View Farms (PVF).



Alan Miller

Alan was active in junior Angus activities throughout his youth. He served on the NJAB from 1993 to 1995, was selected as a finalist at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest and attended the first Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference. His exposure to the Angus industry turned an interest as a young Angus showman into a successful career.

Alan attended the University of Illinois in Urbana, where he received a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree and doctorate in ruminant nutrition. During his undergraduate years, Alan was a member of Illinois' National Champion 4-H Livestock Judging Team, the University of Illinois Livestock Judging Team, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and Hoof and Horn Club.

As a graduate student, he worked as a beef specialist for the University of Illinois Extension. Alan coordinated the state's standardized performance analysis/integrated resources management (SPA/IRM) program focusing on cost-of-production work with cow-calf producers throughout the Midwest and completed graduate research focused on cow-

calf nutrition. He was active in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), Illinois Beef Association and the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS). His work for extension continued until he returned to the farm full-time in 2008.

Alan built PVF on sales of heifer calves for junior projects but growing the farm to return full-time meant expanding sources of income within the framework of the Angus industry. In the fall of 2010, Alan was one of the first in the industry to host an online heifer calf sale. The following year he hosted a spring production sale as a way to market young cows and bulls. Alan also began marketing bulls through the National Western Stock Show. He hosted his first bred heifer online sale in the fall of 2016.

Alan aggressively used ET and sexed semen, and in 2009 began using *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) as a method to increase the value of the calf crop. Cooperator herds throughout the country are utilized to raise nearly 300 calves to market each year. He partnered with Trans Ova Genetics in 2015 to add an IVF satellite center at the farm. The continued expansion of the embryo program resulted in the farm's first online embryo sale in 2016.

PVF is a family operation that Alan and his wife, Theresa, operate in close cooperation with brother-in-law and sister Brandon and Cathy Jones. There are two full-time herdsmen managing more than 200 cows at the farm and exhibiting cattle across the country. Alan and Theresa have three children: Amelia, 16, Adam, 14, and William, 10, all of whom are active in NJAA activities.

Alan served as the Sale Committee chairman for the Illinois Angus Association for 14 years, and he is currently a member of the Illinois

Angus Association board. Alan is a past Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) attendee and served as a co-chairman of the Fundraising Committee for the 2018 NJAS. He was selected to the Atlantic National Angus Show Board of Directors in 2014 and has served on the board's Merit Scholarship Selection Committee. Alan is a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, where he has served as a Sunday School teacher and member of the World Relief Committee.

In 2007, PVF hosted the National Angus Tour. In 2014, they were named the Illinois Beef Association's Seedstock Producer of the Year. In 2016 and 2017, the farm was named Premier Breeder at the NJAS and Atlantic National, and in 2019 the farm was premier breeder at the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show.

During his first term, Alan served on the AGI and Angus Foundation entity boards, as well as Breed Improvement, Events and Education, Communication and Public Relations, and Member and Affiliate Services Committees.

His diverse experience and history with the Angus industry since his youth has been an asset to him during his first term on the Association Board. He is honored to be considered for re-election to a second term.

Jonathan Perry, Tennessee

The Tennessee Angus Breeders Association proudly supports Jonathan "JP" Perry as a candidate for a second term on the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Jonathan has a lifetime of experience in the beef industry and represents three generations who have made their livelihood in

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production agriculture.

He was raised on a farming and commercial cow-calf operation in South Georgia. His family operated a 400-head commercial cow-calf operation and managed a feeding facility on their

farm where they fed their own cattle. They raised several hundred acres of cotton, corn, tobacco and produce, some of which



Jonathan Perry

was fed in the family-owned feedlot.

He learned at a young age the responsibilities that come with a vertically integrated family farming operation. He was active in many junior programs and exhibited cattle, hogs and sheep in 4-H. Later in his junior career, he served on a junior board where he established many valuable industry contacts. He attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, a division of the University of Georgia.

JP has spent much of his life working in the purebred business. In 1998 Fred and Rinda Clark of Deer Valley Farm, Fayetteville, Tenn., offered him the opportunity to manage this premier purebred program. In the beginning, Deer Valley was home to top Limousin cattle. As the industry demanded change, he and Fred made the bold commitment to join the Angus family. Today many of the most influential Angus bulls and females graze the pastures at Deer Valley.

A short while after arriving at Deer Valley he met his wife, Jackie, who grew up in the Angus business and shared the same passion for the beef industry. Son Zach and daughter-in-law Bonnie live on Deer Valley

and he helps with the day-to-day operations when not serving as an athletic trainer at a nearby college. His daughter Alli, 15, enjoys the cattle business and has become an active junior member exhibiting Angus cattle at regional and national junior shows as well as participating in many of the youth programs the Association offers. Jackie had a small herd of Angus cattle she and Jonathan developed and expanded to raise heifers for Zach to show. These foundation females were added to the Deer Valley herd and are still part of the program today.

As the general manager of Deer Valley, Jonathan developed an Angus program that today is recognized as one of the premier programs for balancing all economically relevant traits in cattle that maintain structural soundness and phenotype. The program has been built on proven cow families with the goal of producing fault-free Angus bulls that adapt to all environments and ultimately add value to their customers' calves.

Each year more than 500 bulls are marketed through three annual sales, and today there are bulls carrying the DVF brand working in top purebred programs coast to coast and in many of the top commercial cow-calf operations in the Southeast. Much like his family's vertically integrated operation, he and Fred Clark have developed the 6,500-acre Deer Valley Farm into the same concept, raising their own grain and forage and marketing any excess.

JP and Jackie established the Hickory House restaurant as a separate enterprise in 2014. It has become one of the most popular small-town restaurants in the region, specializing in serving 100% CAB brand product. This family-owned

and -operated restaurant has been an eye-opener to the value and consistency of CAB and to its value to the Angus breed and its breeders. It has opened a new passion for JP, allowing him to see firsthand how the Angus cow-calf business must keep the ultimate end user in mind.

While in his first term on the Board, JP has served two years on the CAB Board, one year on the API Board, and one year on the AGI Board. He has served as chairman and three years on the Events and Education Committee, two years on the Commercial Programs Committee, and two years on the Breed Improvement Committee.

JP believes that serving on the Board has been one of the most challenging yet rewarding experiences of his life. He has a clear understanding of the challenges faced as a member driven organization and the importance of making membership the main focus of every decision that is made on the board. With that, he understands the necessity of keeping an eye on the tough decisions that must be made to ensure Angus remains the leader in every aspect of the cattle industry.

JP, along with the Tennessee Angus Association, his many friends in the Angus business, and his colleagues believe he has been an asset to the Board of Directors for the American Angus Association. He has drawn on his past experiences in a family-owned and operated business to managing one of the breed's largest vertically integrated programs to seeing firsthand the value of genetics from the foodservice side of the table. He has a passion to continue accelerating the Angus business to new heights and would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the breed for another term.

The time is now to elect enthusiastic breeders who will give all they have to continue accelerating Angus cattle to the forefront of the industry. Real-world experience and the understanding of always striving to add value to our genetic base will result in a bright future for Angus.

Barry Pollard, Oklahoma

Barry is seeking re-election to a second term on the American Angus Association Board. He believes that the valuable experience of the first term positions him well to continue to serve the membership as a whole during the next three years.

Barry is a lifetime Angus member raised in a farming and ranching family in Hennessey,

Okla. His father was a vocational agriculture teacher and he showed livestock in 4-H and FFA. That tradition has been carried on by his children and now his granddaughter who recently showed seven Angus at the NJAS in Louisville, Ky.

He attended Oklahoma State University (OSU), went to medical school and is a board-certified neurosurgeon who has performed more than 18,000 surgeries.

Barry's roots run deep in agriculture. He currently farms and ranches more than 8,500 acres. He has managed numerous cattle through his wheat pasture program and has followed them through the finishing lots. His interest in the registered Angus business began more than 28 years ago. The current registered Angus herd consists of more than 400 Angus cows, and with a recipient herd they together



Barry Pollard

raise more than 450 registered Angus calves annually.

The 22nd annual production sale was just completed in September with more than 200 registered Angus selling. Approximately 150 registered Angus bulls are sold annually at Pollard Farms either through the annual Angus bull sale or by private treaty.

His involvement with OSU remains strong. He has been a member of the OSU Foundation and served on the executive committee for six years. He was chairman of the board of trustees during the successful \$1 billion dollar fundraising campaign.

He initiated and developed a medical scholarship program at OSU called the "OSU Medical Cowboys," which has raised more than \$3.5 million for scholarships. The goal is to recruit freshmen into a field of medicine from rural communities so they will hopefully return to their rural communities to practice medicine or veterinary medicine.

In 2017 he was honored by being inducted into the OSU Hall of Fame which is OSU's highest honor. In 2014 he was named a Distinguished Graduate in the College of Agriculture and he was named an OSU Distinguished Alumni in 2006. Currently he funds six scholarships and a Professorship in Agribusiness at OSU.

He is a strong supporter of 4-H and FFA through premium sales and other events and contributes heavily to the Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE). He was chair of the Northwest District Livestock Show Premium Committee and has been awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree. He also supports the youth by donating the use of John Deere Gators™ which are used at the Oklahoma and Tulsa

State Fairs and the NJAS in Tulsa, Okla., and Des Moines, Iowa.

Barry purchased his first John Deere business in 1984. He now owns 27 dealerships in Oklahoma, Arkansas (PK Equipment) and Iowa (PK Midwest). Combined, he employs more than 650 men and women devoted to agriculture.

In 2012 he was named Physician of the Year and has received the Business Man of the Year award from the Enid Chamber of Commerce. He also was named Pillar of the Plains by the Enid Chamber of Commerce. His business experience also includes serving on two bank boards in the past.

During his first term on the American Angus Association Board he served on the Angus Foundation board and the API board. He has also served on the committees of Finance and Planning, Breed Improvement, Industry Relations and Communication and PR.

He would like to use his diversified agriculture background and his business experience in agriculture, medicine and banking to help guide and direct the future of the American Angus Association by continuing to serve on the Board of Directors.

Barry believes strongly in giving back to those organizations that have helped him and his family and looks forward to the opportunity to serve all members of the American Angus Association wisely. 