

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Stallo serving as interim CEO

American Angus Association Chief Operating Officer Chris Stallo is serving as interim CEO following the May 15, 2019, resignation of Allen Moczygemba who had led the Association since October 2015.

“It’s been an honor to serve in this role and to work each day with a staff of incredible talent,” said Moczygemba in a May 1 letter to Association members. “The American Angus Association remains the world’s leading beef breed association, and I’m fortunate that I could play a small part in its success.”

The Board of Directors has initiated the process to identify qualified candidates for the CEO position.

Updated \$Values

Changes to the dollar value indexes (\$Value) will take place this month. Updates include revisions to beef value (\$B), adding maternal weaned calf value (\$M) and rounding all \$Values to whole dollars to eliminate decimals. Quality grade (\$QG) and yield grade (\$YG) will be removed because \$QG is redundant to the marbling expected progeny difference (EPD), and \$YG is redundant to fat and ribeye area EPDs.

\$B will be updated to better reflect current end points when finishing cattle. Traits in the \$M value will include calving ease direct and maternal, weaning weight, milk, mature weight, heifer pregnancy, docility and foot score — both claw set and foot angle EPDs. The \$M has a greater emphasis on maternal traits than any of the tools currently available and will help producers to better define efficiency in a commercial cow-calf environment.

A combined index is planned to release June 2020. A comprehensive education initiative will be conducted over the next 15 months to ensure that membership can see exactly how the combined index will work, what EPDs are included and how it can be considered when making breeding decisions.

Visit www.angus.org/index for more information on the \$Value updates.

Nominations due June 7

Delegate nominations for the American Angus Association’s 2019 Annual Convention of Delegates are due June 7.

Forms to nominate delegates were mailed to every active life and regular Association member who qualified as an eligible voting member prior to April 5.

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.

All nominations, whether submitted by mail or online, must be received in the office no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT June 7, 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.

Show for the Purple

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and their families will “Show for the Purple” as they make their way to Louisville, Ky., for the 2019 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) July 14-20.

The NJAS is the world’s largest single-breed beef show and an annual highlight for hundreds of Angus youth and their families. See page 92 of the May 2019 Angus Journal or visit www.angus.org/njaa/shows.aspx for more details.

LEAD registrations due

The 2019 LEAD conference, themed “Angus: Live from Nashville,” is set for Aug. 1-4 in Nashville. The

At a glance

June 2019

7	Delegate nomination period ends
13-16	All American Angus Breeders’ Futurity
15	LEAD early registration deadline
17-21	Beef Leaders Institute
18-21	Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting and Research Symposium
20-21	Northwest Regional Preview Jr. Angus Show
20-23	Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show and Phenotype and Genotype Show

National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) has planned leadership and personal skill-building activities for NJAA participants 14-21 years old.

Early registration for juniors is \$250 and is due June 15, after which registration increases to \$275. Space is limited, so register early. Visit www.angus.org/njaa/Conferences.aspx for details and to register.

BIF is June 18-21

The 2019 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting and Research Symposium will be hosted June 18-21 at the University Comfort Suites and Convention Center in Brookings, S.D. Online registration is available at www.beefimprovement.org.

Angus Media will provide online coverage of the event at www.bifconference.com. Visit the site for more details on the event.

Black Books available

Order 2020 AngusSource® Black Books before Aug. 2, 2020. The pocket-sized books include a calendar and space to keep management records on your cow herd. Any quantity is available for \$3.25 each and can be customized free of charge with purchase of 100 or more. Customized orders may include your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover, while standard orders feature the Association's logo.

To order, contact the AngusSource department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org. Books will be shipped by Oct. 15.

Foundation golf tournament

The 19th Annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be hosted Tuesday, July 16, at the Quail Chase

CAB producer communications team hires two



Morgan Marley



Abbie Burnett

Breeders will see some new names appear on the pages of the *Angus Journal* and see new faces at *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand events.

Morgan Marley and Abbie Burnett both joined the brand's team as producer communications specialists in May.

Marley grew up on a cattle and poultry farm near Fayetteville, Ark. She received her undergraduate degree in ag communications from the University of Arkansas, before continuing on with a master's in public communication and technology from Colorado State University.

She interned with the American Angus Association's communications department in 2017, and most recently worked out of a home office for Bayer Crop Science on a variety of social media, web and video projects.

"Morgan's talents for web content, writing and technical communication, combined with an inherent understanding of cattle production, will be an asset to the team," says Miranda Reiman, CAB director of producer communications.

Burnett is a recent graduate of Texas Tech University, where she double majored in ag communications and electronic media and communications.

She picked up a wide variety of experience during her studies, including work for the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, serving as the media intern at the American Royal and National Western Stock Show, and interning with the Nature Conservancy.

"Abbie brings strong communications skills from writing to photography and videography, combined with agriculture experience from growing up on a Texas cotton farm," Reiman says.

Both women are working out of the corporate headquarters in Wooster, Ohio.

"These roles support the brand's efforts to arm cattlemen and women with information on how to produce high-quality beef, and why it makes sense to do so," Reiman says. "They'll also serve as story tellers, taking those cattleman connections back to our consumer team."

Golf Club in Louisville, Ky., in conjunction with the 2019 NJAS.

The 18-hole tournament begins at 6:45 a.m. with a continental breakfast, followed by a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. After the tournament, a *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) steak lunch will be provided, awards will be presented and sponsors will be recognized.

Several sponsorship opportunities are available. The sponsorship deadline is June 10.

Player registration is \$100, or NJAA members may register for \$75. Register by July 1 to avoid a \$10 late registration fee.

Sponsorship and registration forms can be found at www.angus.org/Foundation/GetInvolved/Events/GolfTourney.aspx or by contacting Rod Schoenbine, Angus Foundation director of development, at 330-464-9793.

2019 Angus Convention

Mark your calendars to attend the 2019 Angus Convention at the Reno Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nev., Nov. 2-4.

Hosted with the 136th Annual Convention of Delegates, the

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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).

Angus Convention offers hands-on education, face-to-face networking and country music entertainment.

The Angus Genomics Symposium and Innovation Workshop series from Neogen as well as Angus University will be featured again this year. The event also features a John Deere grand prize giveaway and *Certified Angus Beef*® brand meals served throughout the weekend.

A concert featuring Lubbock's own Flatland Cavalry is set to take place on Sunday, Nov. 3. Dust off your dancing boots to take in the young Texas Country band's classic renditions and heartfelt ballads at the conclusion of the Angus Convention.

Registration and hotel blocks will open July 1.

Montana Angus Tour

Celebrate 45 years with the nation's longest running Angus tour. The 2019 Montana Angus Tour will be Sept. 17-19, and hosted in western Montana and based out of Missoula.

For more information, visit www.westernmtangus.org/.

MaternalPlus whole-herd reporting

A whole-herd reporting initiative, MaternalPlus®, began at the Association in 2012 with the aim to increase the suite of cow productivity selection tools available to Angus members and their commercial customers. Members already submitting 100% of their weaning weights each year, heifer breeding records and dam disposal codes, should consider signing up for MaternalPlus whole-herd reporting and reap additional benefits.

Benefits include:

- Calving ease direct, birth weight, and weaning weight EPDs on

- unregistered calves,
- Increased accuracy of heifer pregnancy EPDs now included in \$M,
- Additional herd management reports, and
- Cash-back rebates on Association fees.

It's simple. It's AHIR® for the whole herd. To learn more about MaternalPlus whole-herd reporting, visit www.angus.org/MaternalPlus or AAA Login.

Candidate résumés

Association members seeking election to the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association may send a short biography, along with a photo, to Editor Julie Mais by Aug. 1. Biographies and photos submitted by

the deadline will be published in the October *Angus Journal*, prior to the election at the Annual Convention of Delegates in November.

Biographies should be approximately 500-700 words and will be shortened if necessary.


The Angus Report

The Angus Report delivers Association and industry news each week on RFD-TV. Catch the original broadcast at 7:30 a.m. CDT Monday morning. Each program is rebroadcast Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

State Angus associations, publications, breeders and others looking for website content are encouraged to post segments on their websites. Videos will be updated regularly at www.angus.org.

org and through Angus TV — the Association's YouTube channel. Subscribe to Angus TV to receive updates about new episodes.

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