

# Seven Announce Board Intentions

American Angus Association members vie for five positions on the Board of Directors.

*Every year, candidates compete for five seats on the American Angus Association Board of Directors. As of Aug. 15, seven Association members had announced their intention to run for the Board. Their biographical sketches are presented here in alphabetical order. One is an incumbent. Board members elected Monday, Nov. 17, at the Annual Meeting in Louisville, Ky., will each serve a three-year term.*

## Dick Beck

Richard (Dick) Beck grew up in Pennsylvania where his father managed a cattle feeding operation and owned a



Dick Beck

small plant that harvested the fed cattle and sold freezer beef and retail beef cuts to a local trade. Dick participated in local, state and national 4-H events and showed junior project steers

during his high school years. During his time at Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) under the guidance of the late Professor Herman Purdy and Dick's judging coach and mentor, Erskine Cash, Dick developed a love for purebred Angus cattle that was a natural extension of his early cattle-feeding experience.

At Penn State, Dick was the president of the College of Agriculture Student Council, the student representative elected to the University Faculty Senate and the manager of the Block & Bridle Club's Annual Little International Livestock Show. As a successful member of the university's meats, horse and livestock judging teams, Dick was the high individual in beef grading at the National Intercollegiate Meats Judging Contest and a winner of numerous other national awards. While a student at Penn State, Dick lived and worked at the University Beef Barn and handled the recordkeeping for all of the university's purebred cattle herds. Upon graduation in 1975, Dick was named Penn State's outstanding senior of the College of Agriculture.

Dick began his professional career working as the herdsman for Schearbrook Land & Cattle Co.'s operation at

Stevensville, Mont., and later served in that same capacity at Irvington Farms when that operation was located at Gaithersburg, Md.

During his tenure as a regional manager for the American Angus Association, Dick met and married his wife of nearly 30 years, the former Diane Carr, who was serving as the first advertising coordinator of the *Angus Journal* after its purchase by the American Angus Association. As a regional manager, Dick had the opportunity to stand at the meat counter with the late Fred Johnson, Mick Colvin, C.K. Allen and Keith Evans when the very first pound of *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> (CAB<sup>®</sup>) was sold in a small store in Ohio.

Dick and Diane went on to serve as the management team of the Western States Angus Association. Their daughters, Jamie and Jenni, were born in California as their parents learned the art of magazine publication and sale management.

After serving the University of Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station for several years as the program manager of the famous Wye Angus herd that had been gifted to the university, Dick and Diane moved their young family from the Eastern shore of Maryland to Platte City, Mo., where Dick spent 15 years working with Tom Burke at the American Angus Hall of Fame, marketing Angus cattle across the United States and Canada.

Dick and Diane have been life members of the American Angus Association since before their marriage, and their family has owned Angus cattle every day since. Jamie and Jenni grew up in the Angus business, and they were active National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members who participated in 12 consecutive National Junior Angus Shows (NJASs), where they enjoyed numerous successes. Jenni was the chairman of the NJAA Board of Directors,

and Diane served as the adult chairman of the 1996 NJAS in Kansas City, Mo.

For nearly two decades, a trip to the NJAS has been the family summer vacation for the Becks, starting several years before Jamie and Jenni were old enough to compete and continuing now after those years of eligibility. Jamie and Jenni appreciate the many accomplishments of their grandfather, J. Robert Carr, and are preparing to make their own contributions to this industry as third-generation Angus breeders.

The Beck family spent several years as joint owners of the Springfield Angus herd in North Carolina. After the dissolution of that partnership, Dick and Diane marketed Angus cattle exclusively for other Angus breeders until Dick assumed his current position as general manager of Three Trees Ranch, which is headquartered at Sharpsburg, Ga.

Dick and Diane are members of the Orchard Hills Baptist Church of Newnan, Ga. Dick serves as a member of the American Angus Foundation Leadership Cabinet, and Dick and Diane are enthusiastic supporters of the efforts of the Angus Foundation on behalf of education, research and youth activities. Dick has the endorsement of the Georgia Angus Association board of directors.

## Charles A. Rosson

The Virginia Angus Association Board of Directors unanimously endorses Charles A. Rosson of Louisa, Va., as a candidate for election to the American Angus Association Board of Directors.



Charles A. Rosson

Charles grew up on a diversified livestock and grain farm in Louisa and is a fourth-

generation member of the family-owned farming operation, Quaker Hill Farm. Quaker Hill was originally established in 1742, with the Rosson family being the caretakers of the land for nearly a century. Charles farms in partnership with his younger brother, Lee Rosson and his father, Charles S. Rosson, who has been a lifetime member of the American Angus Association since 1958. The family maintains a beef cattle herd of approximately 600 females, including Angus as well as three

other breeds. They market around 100 bulls per year and are heavy supporters of performance testing programs in Virginia. They operate the only feed efficiency testing center in the state.

Like his father before him, Charles graduated from Louisa County High School and received his American Farmer Degree from FFA. Growing up, he was always involved with FFA and 4-H, exhibiting hogs and cattle on the local and national level as well as successfully competing on Virginia's 4-H Livestock Judging Team.

He continued his education at Iowa State University (ISU) in Ames, Iowa, and then graduated from Virginia Tech, receiving a bachelor's in animal science. Charles is currently working to complete his master's degree from Virginia Tech in career and technical education. He was a highly competitive member of the collegiate livestock judging team at Virginia Tech and studied under Gary Minish, who currently is the dean of the College of Agriculture at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Married to the former Sherry Kauffman of Gahanna, Ohio, they have three children: Charlie, 7; Elizabeth, 5; and Ellen, 3. Their children are very enthused about the farm and cattle as are Lee's two children, Coleman and Haley.

"It is very important that we leave the fifth generation of Rossons on Quaker Hill with a sustainable, viable agriculture enterprise to maintain the values and the way of life we so much enjoy, and the Angus business affords us that opportunity," Rosson says.

Charles has a diverse business background that will bring a lot to the Board if elected. In addition to guiding the genetic development of the Quaker Hill Angus herd, he also worked as a district sales manager for Vigortone Ag Products for several years after college, supervising the district sales staff and recruiting new accounts.

He has an excellent working knowledge of liability and risk management, having worked more than 10 years for Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance Co. as the local insurance agent for Louisa County. Charles currently works for the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service as an Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent based in Louisa County and serves Planning District 10.

Charles served a four-year term as mayor of Louisa. He is particularly proud of his time as mayor, as he led the town through a multimillion-dollar building project that included the construction of a new town hall and community arts center. Under his leadership, the town now has a 20-year

master plan for the future that includes the total restoration and revitalization of the downtown area and the construction of a new town park. Being a strong, visionary and forward-thinking leader are traits that Charles has learned through hands-on experience.

Charles has served as president of the Central Virginia Angus Association as well as on numerous state committees, and is currently serving on the board of directors for the Virginia Angus Association. The Virginia Angus Association presented Charles with the Cattleman of the Year Award for 2005. In addition, he has served as a state board member of the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association for two terms, and recently the farm was named the Virginia Seedstock Producer of the Year and competed nationally for the National Beef Improvement Seedstock Operation of the Year and was named to the 2006 Seedstock Producer Roll of Excellence.

Charles states, "My goal is to help the Angus breed to remain on the forefront of the national cattle industry. We have the best product on the market and we produce what the consumer desires. It is my hope that we will continue efforts to connect the Angus cow-calf producer to the consumer through the popularity of the CAB brand. These linkages are imperative if we are to continue to be the driver in the marketplace and if we are to maintain the superiority of the breed and the brand. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve you and the American Angus Association."

### Arlen Sawyer

Arlen Sawyer, son of Dorothy and Richard Sawyer, was born Jan. 30, 1953, and was raised on his family's Angus farm near



Arlen Sawyer

Howard, S.D. The Sawyer farm was homesteaded by his great-grandfather, Richard Cyrus Sawyer, in 1887. Arlen's grandfather, Howard Washington Sawyer, purchased his first Angus cattle in 1917 and began raising registered Angus cattle in 1920. Arlen's father, Richard James Sawyer, carried on the family tradition of farming the homestead and raising Angus cattle until his death in 1990. Sawyer's Angus was recognized as a Centennial Herd

in 1980. In 1987 the entire Sawyer family celebrated the farm's centennial.

Arlen attended high school in Howard and graduated in 1971. He chose a major of agricultural economics with a minor in animal science at South Dakota State University (SDSU) and graduated in 1975. During his college years he was active in Block and Bridle Club, Rodeo Club, Little International and was a member of the SDSU 1974-1975 Livestock Judging Team coached by Dan Gee.

After college graduation Arlen married Becky Schumacher, who had grown up on an Angus farm near Cresco, Iowa. He went to work as a herdsman for Cottonwood Angus Farm of Pipestone, Minn., in June 1975. In December 1976, Arlen and Becky decided to move to Bassett, Neb., where he accepted the position of manager of K Plus Angus Ranch. As manager of the newly founded operation, Arlen oversaw the day-to-day ranch management of 700 cows. He instituted an extensive artificial insemination (AI) program and did some of the first on-the-ranch embryo transplanting. Before the dispersion of the herd in 1983, Arlen helped conduct six bull sales and three female sales, creating one of the first Angus bull auctions in that area of Nebraska.

In 1982, Arlen and Becky purchased a small ranch in Rock County, Neb., just seven miles south of Bassett. In 1984, Arlen became associated with Premier Angus and Silver Plume Angus as they initiated the Profitmaker Bull program. The joint venture was designed to merchandise bulls to commercial cattlemen in Nebraska and surrounding western states. A Premier cow herd of 350 females and a Silver Plume herd of 100 females were maintained by the Sawyers until fall 1990. In cooperation with the bull merchandising program, six Profitmaker Bull sales took place in Bassett.

From 1984 to 1990, Arlen and Becky purchased more ranch land in Rock County, Neb., and expanded their own cow herd while maintaining the Premier and Silver Plume cows.

In the fall of 1990, Arlen and Becky established "A&B Cattle" with a foundation herd of cows developed during the K Plus and Profitmaker years. Since 1990, A&B Cattle has conducted 18 bull sales, selling registered Angus yearling bulls annually to commercial and registered cattlemen the first Thursday in April. Additional bulls are sold private treaty year-round.

The A&B breeding program puts strong emphasis on calving ease, carcass quality,

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feed efficiency and feedlot performance, all traits that their bull customers highly value. As strong supporters of the AngusSource® program, they offer to share in the cost of the tags for all bull customers and have participated in the program by tagging their own steer calves as well. The Sawyers also sponsored customer pens in the early "Value Discovery" feedlot contests.

In 1994, the Sawyers hosted their first female sale, dispersing all mature cows, and hosted similar female production sales in 1996, 1998 and 2002. Since that time, they have established a rigorous selection program in the cow herd based upon production records, trying to closely mimic the efficiency of the area's commercial cow herds on native Sandhills forages. Only selected top females are merchandised annually with a pen of bred heifers featured in the Foundation Female Sale at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS), and top heifer calf prospects at the Black Hills Stock Show and Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic.

A&B Cattle was recognized as a Historic Angus herd in 1995, on the 75th anniversary of the Sawyer family continuously raising registered Angus cattle. Some of the first females Arlen and Becky purchased were from Richard Sawyer's herd at Howard, S.D.

Throughout the years, Arlen has judged numerous regional and national livestock events, including several Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus shows.

Since 1990, A&B Cattle has exhibited cattle at the American Royal, All-American Angus Futurity, Western National Angus Futurity and the National Western. As a long-time exhibitor in the "Yards" in Denver, A&B Cattle exhibited the reserve grand champion pen of bulls in 1992 and 2002.

Arlen's daughter, Jessica, and son, Adam, have been active members of the Nebraska Junior Angus Association and National Junior Angus Association. Jessica, a registered nurse in Kearney, Neb., attended 12 national shows during her junior career and served on the NJAA Board of Directors.

Adam, a sophomore in college, has a herd of Angus females at the ranch and is very involved with ranch operations.

Arlen is a member of the Nebraska Angus Association, Nebraska Cattlemen's Association, and the Sandhill Cattlemen's Association. He is a past president of the Nebraska Angus Association and the Area II Region of the Nebraska Cattlemen's

Association. He has served on the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic board of directors, and currently serves on the Beef Advisory Council to the Black Hills Stock Show. He has served as advisor to the Nebraska Junior Angus Association.

Locally, he has served as a two-term president of the Bassett Country Club, was a board member of the district FmHA, and is an active member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Bassett, where he served as president of the Parish Council.

A&B Cattle currently consists of 500 Angus purebred and commercial cows. Arlen's mission in life is to raise quality Angus seedstock that efficiently thrive in Sandhills range conditions, with a motto that "the cows are here to feed us," as they are the sole source of income for the ranch.

### Doug Schroeder

The Iowa Angus Association has unanimously endorsed Doug Schroeder as a candidate for the American Angus



**Doug Schroeder**

Association Board of Directors.

Doug grew up on a family farm near Clarence, Iowa, a small rural farming community. He has been actively involved with livestock all of

his life, participating in 4-H as a youth with projects in cattle, pigs and sheep. Doug also spent 10 years as a 4-H leader.

After he graduated from Clarence Lowden High School in 1980, Doug attended Kirkwood Community College where he received his agriculture business degree. While in college, Doug was a member of the livestock judging team and Hoof & Horn Club.

Doug married Glenda Swanson in September 1982. They have three children: Jason, 24; Drew, 22; and Lauren, 21. All three children were active in fall, winter and spring sports throughout high school, as well as 4-H, FFA, Eastern Iowa Junior Angus Association, Iowa Junior Angus Association and the NJAA. Jason, Drew and Lauren have participated in various contests at NJAS and showed bulls and heifers at every NJAS since 1993. Jason graduated from Western Illinois University, is part owner of 4J construction, rents 120 acres of crop ground, and is currently in charge of show and sale cattle for Schroeder

Angus. Drew is a senior at Western Illinois University, and Lauren is a junior at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. All three children have their own cattle in the operation.

Doug started working at Pioneer International Hybrid after graduating from college. Knowing that they both wanted to be involved in farming and livestock, Doug and his wife sold all of the cows they brought into the marriage and purchased five bred cows from Sydenstricker Genetics to start Schroeder Angus. In 1988 they rented farm ground near Clarence and in 1989 purchased their first 80 acres. Today, the farm consists of 125 registered cows, all enrolled in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) program.

Doug also uses the technology of ultrasound data provided by ultrasound processing laboratories to enhance the quality of carcass merit in the herd. Schroeder Angus produces seedstock for purebred and commercial producers. They sell their cattle privately off the farm and through state and national sales. They also enter bulls on test in the Iowa Angus Association and the Iowa Cattlemen's Association bull tests.

Schroeder Angus has been using AI for 25 years and embryo transfer (ET) for the last 10 years. Throughout the years, Schroeder Angus has competed in the showing at the local, state and national level. Currently, Schroeder Angus owns 320 acres and rents 600 acres, consisting of corn, soybeans, alfalfa and pasture. Schroeder Angus is also involved in Rose Ave pork, owning and managing 5,000 head annually.

Doug is very interested in finding and researching new ways of utilizing DNA information on feed efficiency and carcass traits. With the rise in cost of inputs, this issue has become increasingly important.

During the years, Doug has been active in associations such as Cedar County Cattlemen; Cedar County Corn & Soybean Association; Cedar County Pork Producers; Eastern Iowa Angus Association, where he was president for two years; and Iowa Angus Association, where he was also president for two years.

Doug and Glenda have both been strong and active supporters of junior programs on the state and national level. They were Iowa Junior Angus advisors for 13 years and were extremely honored to be selected as the Advisors of the Year in 2006 at the NJAS in Indianapolis, Ind.

They were chairpersons for the NJAS in 2000 and 2008. Doug showed great

leadership ability through his involvement in such a major event and is adamant about the support needed to carry out a successful show. It has grown in scope from a simple cattle show to an experience of a lifetime and an educational opportunity that will reap benefits for many years for all junior members.

Doug feels the importance of promoting Angus cattle is greater than ever with the current price of inputs and the rise in pasture ground being used for corn and soybean production. The importance of advertisement and new technology is crucial in today's agricultural business. The Angus breed continues to stand strong, and through the Board and staff working together for the membership, it will only become stronger.

### Darrell Silveira

The California Angus Association and the board of directors of the Western States Angus Association have unanimously



**Darrell Silveira**

endorsed Darrell Silveira, Firebaugh, Calif., as a candidate for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

After graduation from Tranquility

High School in Tranquility, Calif., Darrell attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he studied agribusiness and began working to realize his lifelong dream of creating a diversified agriculture and cattle operation, which would become Silveira Bros. Diversified Farming.

Darrell has been involved in ranching for more than 34 years. With cattle interests rooted in the Angus community, Silveira Bros. includes Dudley Silveira, Darrell's brother, who is an accountant, and Rick Blanchard, his son, who serves as operating manager.

Darrell has served on the board of directors of both the California Angus Association and Western States Angus Association. For more than 20 years he has represented California as a delegate to the American Angus Association Annual Meeting.

Darrell was part of a group of breeders instrumental in starting "California Angus Days," an annual female show and sale

that also hosts the annual meeting for the state association. He also helped create the "California Angus Breeder's Bull Sale," designed as a marketing outlet for small-scale Angus producers.

Two sales are hosted annually at Silveira Bros. — the "Partners for Performance" bull sale and the "Partners for Performance" female sale. The ranch also markets cattle through several annual consignment sales, including The Signature Collection, The Showgirl Revue, the California Angus Breeder's Female Sale, the California Supreme Sale and Angus of Distinction Sale.

Additionally, Silveira Bros. has exported bulls and females internationally to many countries including Argentina, Australia, Mexico and Canada.

Born and raised in one of the richest agricultural regions in the country, Darrell has been directly involved in the industry his entire adult life, making his living only within the realm of agriculture. He raised cotton, sugar beets and alfalfa hay in the early years of his farming business. Today, in addition to alfalfa, Silveira Bros. also raises wine grapes and almonds.

Using his connections from his early years in the alfalfa business, Darrell worked with a research team to develop a specialized alfalfa seed. S&W Seed Co., another agricultural firm he created, markets seed throughout the U.S. and internationally in Mexico, South America, Australia, and the Middle East.

Darrell has extensive agricultural organization and board experience. He served for nearly two decades on the board of directors of the California Crop Improvement Association at the University of California–Davis. He was a director for the local irrigation district. As one of the founding members of the National Farmer's Organization (NFO) in the San Joaquin Valley, he went on to serve as a director and president. He also served on the California Alfalfa Seed Research Board for 15 years.

His peers in the agriculture industry have recognized his leadership through several prestigious awards. In 2007, Darrell was inducted into the California Angus Hall of Fame for his many contributions to the state association and dedication to the advancement of the breed. He was honored in 2005 with the California State Fair's "California Golden Bear Award."

Darrell's good friend, Jim Reeves of Houston, Texas, presented him with the award, praising his tireless efforts toward the advancement of agriculture and cattle in California. The California Beef Cattle

Improvement Association named Silveira Bros. its "Seedstock Producer of the Year" in 2004.

For many years, Darrell's lifelong Angus friends and business associates have urged him to consider candidacy for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

The members of the California Angus Association and the Western States Angus Association board of directors respectfully ask for the consideration of American Angus Association delegates to elect this international agribusinessman to help address the breed's challenges today and seize the opportunities of the future.

### Jim Sitz

The Montana Angus Association has unanimously endorsed Jim Sitz, Harrison, Mont., as a candidate for the American



**Jim Sitz**

Angus Association Board of Directors.

Jim was born and raised in Harrison, Mont., and graduated from Harrison High School; after which he

attended Brigham Young University (BYU)-Rexburg in Idaho, majoring in business and agricultural management. While attending college, his father, Bob Sr., died from injuries in a tractor accident at the ranch. Jim completed college and returned to the ranch to work with his mother, Donna, and brother, Bob Jr., on a full-time basis in the management and operation of Sitz Angus Ranch.

The Sitz Angus Ranch was started in 1928 by Will and Frieda Sitz, Jim's grandparents. Sitz Angus Ranch has since grown and has become known as one of the top sources of Angus genetics in the country. They are consistently among the top in the nation in registrations recorded at the American Angus Association, with well over 1,400 head each year.

The Sitz program markets more than 900 bulls each year to seedstock and commercial cattlemen throughout the United States. These bulls are marketed in two annual sales hosted at both the Harrison and Dillon ranches. They also market both registered and commercial Angus females through these sales and through female production

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sales.

Jim married Tammi Huntsman in 1997, and they have four children: Amber, Ashley, Tyler and Tucker. Tammi is very involved in the daily operations of the ranch, keeping track of the records for all segments of the operation.

Jim has been and is very active in regional and state organizations. He has served on the board of directors and was president of the Montana Angus Association for two years. He has previously served as a member of the Montana Beef Council for the Montana Stockgrowers Association and presently serves on the board for Rocky Mountain Supply, a statewide agribusiness. The Sitz Angus operation is well-recognized throughout the state of Montana for their support of both the beef industry and agriculture in general.

Jim and the Sitz program have tremendous appreciation for the strengths of the American Angus Association and the influence the Angus breed of cattle has on the beef industry. Their program emphasizes the female strengths of the breed and what they have to offer them as well as their customers. The Sitz program has been recognized regularly for the number of Pathfinder® cows reported by the American Angus Association.

Jim also has a great appreciation for other programs of the American Angus Association, including the junior program, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and the AngusSource® program. Having grown up working with Angus cattle in 4-H at local and state levels, he has a great understanding of the values that these programs have given him. He recognizes the value that CAB and AngusSource add to the value of cattle produced not only at the Sitz Ranch, but also for their commercial customers.

“My goal would be to serve on this Board representing all segments of the membership with the success of all in mind as we promote the Angus breed and what it has to offer the beef cattle industry,” Jim states. “I would appreciate the opportunity to use my experience to serve the American Angus Association.”

### Gordon Stucky

The Kansas Angus Association has unanimously endorsed Gordon Stucky, Kingman, Kan., as a candidate for re-election to a second term on the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Gordon and his wife, Christine, are the

owners of Stucky Ranch, located 35 miles west of Wichita, Kan. The Stuckys have four children. Jesse, 27, is a partner at the ranch



Gordon Stucky

and also owner of the Swinging Diamonds Hay Co. Jacob, 26, is a design engineer for Harper Industries, an ag equipment manufacturing company. Elizabeth, 23, is finishing her elementary education degree in Wisconsin. Jonas, 22, recently graduated from Motorcycle Mechanics Institute, Phoenix, Ariz. Gordon and Christine have been blessed with four grandchildren, ages 1 to 4.

The Stucky's roots in Kingman County trace to 1937, with Gordon's parents establishing a diversified crop and livestock operation. Gordon's lifelong dream to build a registered Angus herd to complement the existing commercial Angus herd started in 1976. The trouble-free, efficient, commercial Angus cows Gordon had cared for in his youth possessed the quality and maternal traits unlike the other popular breeds of the time.

Following Gordon's graduation from Kansas State University (K-State) in 1981, he and Christine returned to Kingman County to establish a family-owned ranch, and embark on a lifetime commitment to the Angus breed. The old-fashioned values of a good work ethic, combined with the discipline to set and work toward goals, provide the foundation for day-to-day operations.

Gordon and his family have hosted 17 successful production sales and several state and regional tours at the ranch. The primary focus of the Stucky Ranch is the merchandising of 175 registered Angus bulls and 100 females yearly.

Gordon states, “I know the trials and frustrations of a first-generation seedstock producer. However, our family has shown that the disciplined use of proven genetics, coupled with outstanding customer service, will grow a customer base and reward you with a successful business. As Angus producers, our challenge will be to continue to grow market share and improve the efficiency of beef production versus other protein sources.”

The Stucky family continues to be involved in the livestock industry, church, and local community. Gordon has served

as district director, board member, and president of the Kansas Angus Association. Gordon is also currently chairman of the annual Kansas Angus-sponsored 1,000-head commercial Angus female sale at Pratt, Kan.

The Stuckys are parishioners at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Kingman, with Gordon serving as past chairman of Saint Patrick's school council and the Wichita Diocesan school council. Currently, Gordon is Building Committee chairman for a multimillion dollar church and school renovation. Gordon has been an active participant in Beef Improvement Federation (BIF), and is past president of Extension Council, Farm Bureau and Kingman County director for the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA).

Since being elected to the American Angus Association Board of Directors in 2005, Gordon has served on the Breed Improvement, Data Management, Industry Relations and Activities committees. Gordon was also appointed as chairman of the reproductive efficiency subcommittee and feed efficiency data collection subcommittee while serving on the Breed Improvement committee. Gordon is currently serving on the Angus Productions Inc. (API) and Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) subsidiary boards, and he represents American Angus on the Product Enhancement committee at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

“I have truly enjoyed serving on the American Angus Board for the past three years,” Gordon says. “The strength of our Board comes from the diversity of leadership and a spirit of cooperation to keep the Angus breed the dominant force in the beef industry. I would like to continue to use my background as a grassroots representative for all American Angus members, and would value your support for re-election.”

