

# Members Announce Board Intentions

Six candidates vie for positions  
on the American Angus Association® Board of Directors.

*Every year, candidates compete for five seats on the American Angus Association Board of Directors. As of Aug. 15, six Association members had announced their intention to run for the Board. Biographical sketches submitted by the candidates are presented here in alphabetical order. Two are incumbents. Board members elected Monday, Nov. 16, at the Annual Meeting in Louisville, Ky., will each serve a three-year term.*

## Charlie Boyd II

Charlie Boyd II is driven by the Angus breed, its members and fellow cattlemen who make their living utilizing Angus genetics.

As a fourth-generation cattleman from a family that has always had an enthusiastic love for the Angus breed and the cattle



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business, Charlie is honored to be a candidate for the Board of Directors to serve the American Angus Association. His sons represent the fifth generation of the Boyd family to be involved in the cattle business, and it is their future involvement in the Angus breed that fuels his desire to assist in keeping the breed in the forefront of the industry. For more than 100 years, Charlie's family has bred cattle that have had a positive effect on our industry, and he plans to continue that commitment to the Angus breed and the cattle industry.

Charlie's family's involvement in the cattle industry began in 1893 as Highview Hereford Farm. His great-grandfather and grandfather exhibited six Chicago International Grand Champions. As a sophomore in high school, Charlie purchased his first Angus female from Bill Conley Sr., at Gibbett Hill Farm. Today, Boyd Beef Cattle encompasses both an Angus program as well as a Hereford program, and is home to many national champions from both breeds. Charlie's passion for Angus cattle and studying of pedigrees has produced 12 bulls from the Boyd program enrolled in major artificial insemination (AI) studs.

Boyd Beef Cattle is a family-owned operation managed by Charlie; his wife, Paula; their two sons, Blake and Logan; and Charlie's parents. The operation hosts two production sales each year, which derive 100% of the family's income for the farm.

In 1987, Charlie graduated from the University of Kentucky (UK) with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture economics. During his collegiate career, he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and served as vice noble ruler. During his junior and senior years, Charlie served as agriculture senator to the student body and was the agriculture student body president. In addition to his involvement in collegiate politics, he also served as a member of the UK Livestock Judging Team and was honored as high individual at several contests.

Charlie's dedication to the industry has involved serving fellow cattlemen at the local, state and national levels. As a member of the Mason County Livestock Improvement Association, he has worked closely with family-run cattle operations much like his. Both of his sons are active in the local 4-H program, and he and Paula strive to work with them to improve and expand the learning possibilities of everyone involved in their 4-H chapter. Charlie has served as president of the Kentucky Angus Association, and in 2003, he and Paula served as co-chairs of the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). They have already committed to co-chair the 2012 NJAS.

In 2004, the Kentucky Angus Association named the Boyds the Kentucky Angus Family of the Year.

As a livestock judge, he has evaluated many breeds of cattle at the national level and has served as judge at the NJAS, the National Western Stock Show (NWSS), the North

American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), the Atlantic National and the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity.

Charlie is a member of Mays Lick Christian Church, where he serves as deacon and a director on the church board.

"My beliefs regarding the future of our Angus breed are simple — we must continue to build on our next generation of Angus breeders through our junior program and the Angus Foundation, and not lose sight of how valuable each and every member of our Association is, regardless of their size," Charlie says.

Charlie served as president of the National Junior Hereford Association and says he values the time he served in that organization and the experience he gained. He says Angus breeders should be proud to have the most successful youth organization in the world, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

"I am proud that both of my sons are active members of this organization and have the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience from this. We must continue to build our future leaders by continually expanding and building the National Junior Angus Association by constantly recruiting young Angus breeders to be active," he says.

"We must also focus on small breeder retention as well as recruitment of new Angus breeders," Charlie adds. "As Angus breeders we should never take lightly the 'Power of Angus.' Our predecessors have worked diligently to make Angus a household name and through their past investment in our 'brand' we need to attract new breeders into the business."

As part of a family-owned and operated cattle operation, Charlie says his family feels the struggles and challenges all cattlemen are faced with in today's world. He believes the challenges facing the Angus breed should be met with courage and focus.

"With careful thought and strategy, we must continue to develop guidelines relating to genetic issues that are based on sound and rational principles. The Angus breed will continue to be the leader in the beef industry based on the strength of its membership, valuable database, strong junior program and CAB (*Certified Angus Beef*® CAB®)," he says.

"Now, more than ever, our breed and fellow Association members need solid leadership and vision. I look forward to the opportunity to utilize my experience as a fourth-generation cattleman and devotion to the cattle industry to serve the Angus breed. Unanimously supported by the Kentucky Angus Association, I humbly ask for your support as a candidate to the Board of Directors to the American Angus Association."

## Dean Bryant

The Maryland Angus Association Board of Directors has unanimously endorsed Dean Bryant as a candidate for the American Angus Association Board of Directors. Dean



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brings comprehensive expertise to tackle the pragmatic activities of Board duties from his lifetime of practical experience in all facets of the beef cattle industry. His depth of experience spans from seedstock producer to commercial cow herds, and from feedlots to packers, retail stores and consumers, giving him a unique conception-to-consumption perspective of the beef cattle industry.

Bryant was born and raised in Van Buren, Ind., on a small cow-calf operation. He was a 10-year 4-H member, showing beef cattle all 10 years and participating in livestock judging along with other numerous projects. A small cow herd developed from these 4-H projects, which Dean and his wife, Marcia, maintain to this day.

After graduating from Eastbrook High School, Dean enrolled in the animal science program at Purdue University, was a member of the 1979 livestock judging team and received a bachelor of science degree in animal science. While at Purdue, Dean married Marcia Carter, his high school sweetheart and now bride of 32 years.

Bryant's first job after graduating from Purdue was managing the Purdue Purebred Beef Unit and later the Calvert/Purdue Beef Research and Education Center. Dean managed the cow-calf and feedlot research and teaching activities on a daily basis. During this time, he attended Purdue part-time and earned a master's degree in animal breeding. His master's thesis looked at the genetic relationship between growth and carcass traits in Angus cattle that were selected for growth. In their 10 years at Purdue, Dean and Marcia added three children to their family, Craig, Curtis and Tiffany.

Dean was active in the Tippecanoe and Indiana Cattleman's associations, serving as president of the Tippecanoe Cattleman's Association and as chairman of the beef food stand at the county fair. He traveled to Washington, D.C., with the Indiana Cattleman's Association and participated in lobbying efforts coordinated by the then National Cattlemen's Association (NCA).

In 1990, the Bryant family moved to

Queenstown, Md., where Dean managed the Wye Angus herd for the University of Maryland and coordinated the beef cattle research and Extension activities at the Wye Research and Education Center. The main research thrust was studying the effectiveness of carcass expected progeny differences (EPDs) in Angus cattle. Dean managed the annual production sale, selling 30 bulls and 15 females out of the Wye herd.

It was while he was at the Wye Plantation that Dean met Ed Burchell who was in the early stages of establishing Roseda Farm in Monkton, Md. Dean helped Ed make initial purchases of foundation Angus females and provided guidance in the establishment and management of the farm. Two years later, Dean joined Roseda Farm as the farm manager.

Dean and Ed's individual expertise in cattle breeding and business, along with their mutual interest in consistent, high-quality Angus beef, set the direction for Roseda Farm. The breeding program was based on an expected progeny differences (EPD)/economic selection index that Dean had developed at Purdue 15 years earlier with the help of professors Ron Lemenager and Truman Martin. Dean says the values are similar to the dollar value (\$Value) indexes used by the Association today. The goal was to produce Angus cattle that are profitable for the cow-calf and feedlot operators while providing a superior eating experience for the consumer.

Actual carcass data was collected to evaluate herd sires, and in an attempt to recover the cost of carcass data collection, the carcasses were marketed through a freezer/branded beef program. Marcia joined the Roseda staff to manage the office and market beef. Initially, the beef was marketed at the farm and then through local family-owned grocery stores. The program has grown from 50 head the first year to more than 1,500 head annually. The program involves commercial cooperator herds, custom feedlots, custom packers, retail stores, restaurants and Internet marketing. A partnership with Select Sires has evolved to AI a large number of the commercial herds prior to the turnout of Roseda bulls. On a daily basis, Dean not only manages the Roseda Angus herd, but also coordinates the cooperator herds, feedlots and packers to supply a steady flow of product for the Roseda Beef program, which is now a separate LLC.

Family is important to Dean and Marcia, and the quality of life from the "Angus lifestyle" was invaluable as they raised their family. The Bryant family regularly participated in the Maryland, Eastern

Regional and National Junior Angus Show, and each of the kids competed in the National Showmanship Contest. Curtis served on the Board of Directors for the NJAA. The Bryant family was active in Maryland 4-H, with Dean coaching county livestock judging teams and serving as beef superintendent at the county fair. Craig, Curtis and Tiffany graduated from Purdue University, Oklahoma State and Penn State, respectively, and have started down successful career paths. They attend Grace Fellowship Church.

Dean is active in the Maryland Angus Association, having served as director and president. Marcia is currently president of the Maryland Woman's Auxiliary. The Bryant family has been named Maryland Angus Family of the Year. Wye Angus and Roseda Farm have both been named Maryland Angus Breeder of the Year under the management of Dean, and this year Dean was named Cattleman of the Year by the Virginia Angus Association, of which he is also a member.

Dean Bryant will bring an industry-wide, genetically oriented perspective to the Board, while being sensitive to the needs of small-scale, part-time Angus breeders. Dean believes that the American Angus Association should serve the needs of all Angus breeders and provide services to assist them in breeding, managing, exhibiting, promoting and merchandising registered Angus cattle and their related products.

On a broader scope, the Association needs to maintain the prominence of the Angus breed within the beef cattle industry. The next few years will be both exciting and challenging as we deal with emerging DNA technologies and incorporate them into our breeding and evaluation systems. Dean has the vision, experience and genetic prowess to help move the Association forward into the new era of DNA testing and genetic evaluation.

The Maryland Angus Association Board of Directors asks producers to join them in supporting Dean for a position on the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

## Scott Foster

The Michigan Angus Association Board of Directors unanimously endorses Scott Foster of Niles, Mich., as a candidate for election to the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Scott grew up on his family farm in Niles, Mich. He attended Niles High School, graduating in 1977. While in high school, Scott served as junior class president and

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senior class vice president. He also participated in FFA, serving as a state president for Michigan in 1977.

After graduation from high school, Scott attended Southwestern Michigan College for two years, where he received an associate in science degree.



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He transferred to Michigan State University (MSU) where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry. While attending MSU, he participated in the Block and Bridle club and was the Ag Senate representative from the animal science department.

In fall 1980, Scott participated as a member of the National Champion Livestock Judging team at the NAILE, where he was high individual in beef cattle and high individual overall for the contest.

Upon graduation from MSU, Scott took a job with Larry Cotton and Bob Bohlen at Premier Beef in Howell, Mich. While at Premier, he was primarily responsible for the show and sale cattle.

Scott married his wife, Elaine, in September 1983. They have two children: Andrew, 23, and Danielle, 20. Both children have been actively involved in the NJAA at both the state and national level. Andrew is currently studying animal science at Oklahoma State University (OSU) and will graduate in May 2010.

Andrew was a member of the livestock judging team at OSU. He was also a member of the NJAA Board of Directors and served as vice chairman. After graduation, Andrew plans on coming back to the family farm and expanding the Angus operation. Danielle is attending the University of Michigan and is majoring in communication studies. She hopes to secure a job as a broadcast journalist, preferably in the area of agricultural communication.

Danielle served as the 2008 Miss American Angus and was recently elected to the NJAA Board of Directors. In addition to her Angus activities, Danielle has been very involved in the Arthritis Foundation, speaking at various events and participating yearly in local arthritis walks.

Scott farms with his brother Bruce and their parents at Seldom Rest Farms. The farming operation consists of approximately 3,000 acres of corn and soybeans, throughout

lower southwestern Michigan. In addition to crop farming, there are approximately 150 head of purebred Angus cattle. Eleven years ago, Scott and his brother, along with Dave Hawkins, started the Angus Connection Sale in Michigan. This sale is instrumental in keeping Angus cattle on the front burner in Michigan.

Seldom Rest Farms was awarded the NCBA Environmental Stewardship Award for the Central Region in 1994 and the Farm Steward of the Year Award from the *Farm Journal* in 1995.

In addition to farming and his involvement in the Angus Association, Scott is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the Pokagon Township Board of Trustees, the Township Planning Committee and the Township Board of Review.

Scott and Elaine have been actively involved in the Angus Association, in particular the junior program, serving as junior advisors for 11 years. Scott and his family believe that the Angus Association must maintain its leadership position in all aspects of the beef industry. He believes one major way this can be accomplished is by encouraging youth to get involved in the junior association. This will help to instill the values and leadership in young members that will keep strengthening our Association for years to come, Scott says.

"Having served in leadership positions all my life and [with] my ability to work with people, I believe I can represent all segments of the Angus membership in any decision-making process," Scott says. "I would appreciate the opportunity to serve you and the American Angus Association. Thank you."

### Vaughn Meyer

The South Dakota Angus Association Board of Directors and the Black Hills Angus Association have unanimously endorsed Vaughn's bid for election, saying, "It is with great confidence in his qualifications and experience that we support his candidacy."

Vaughn and his family manage Sodak Angus Ranch, located in northwest South Dakota. Sodak Angus was originally homesteaded by Vaughn's grandfather, Otto Meyer, in 1909. Vaughn's late father, Raymond Meyer, introduced Angus genetics to the operation in 1954, and today the ranch consists of a 600-head purebred cow herd and a dryland farming operation. Sodak has both spring- and fall-calving programs from which they market 200 bulls annually with a sale on the ranch each February. AI, embryo transfer (ET) and ultrasound evaluation are

incorporated into the breeding program, and all cattle are enrolled in Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) recordkeeping systems.

In his youth Vaughn assisted with ranch chores and participated in 4-H and FFA. Following graduation from Lemmon High



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School he attended South Dakota State University (SDSU) and received a bachelor of science degree in animal science production. At SDSU Vaughn was active in

Block and Bridle and Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps). While attending SDSU, Vaughn met his wife, Lois, and after graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps.

In 1972, after serving in the Army, Vaughn returned with Lois to Sodak to raise their family and assist with the purebred cattle operation. Vaughn and Lois have one son, Jeffrey, who is an active partner and manages the haying and farming operation. They also have two daughters. Jessica, husband Royce, daughter Haelee and son Tucker reside in Rapid City, S.D. Jeny and husband Quinten live in Rushville, Neb. Both daughters and their families assist with ranch duties in addition to their careers.

In 2004 Vaughn and his family were fortunate to partner with Austin Risty, a fellow Angus producer. Austin and his family assist with the purebred cattle operation in addition to managing their own herd of Angus cattle.

In addition to ranching, Vaughn has been privileged to work with numerous organizations. He has served as master for his local Masonic Lodge, president of the West River Shrine Organization and is a director and past president of the Black Hills Angus Association. He is a member of the Perkins County Livestock Improvement Association and a director for the Perkins County Farmers Union. Vaughn is a director on the South Dakota Beef Industry Council, where he has served as treasurer and is currently chairman of the Research Committee, and he is a member of the South Dakota Stock Growers Association. Vaughn was the recipient of the 2009 Black Hills Angus Association Distinguished Service Award, and Sodak Angus was also a 2000 Seedstock

Producer nominee by the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF).

"I am committed to representing all Angus breeders and developing policies that will maintain the Angus breed at the forefront of our beef industry," Vaughn says. "I support positive programs, which enable today's Angus youth to become tomorrow's leaders. I will be a strong voice for Angus purity and an advocate of breed programs [that] facilitate Angus profits for the commercial cowman. I would appreciate your support and the opportunity to serve the American Angus Association."

### Steve Olson

Steve Olson is seeking to be re-elected to the American Angus Association Board of Directors. During his first term as a director, Steve has served on the Activities, Industry Relations, and Information and Data



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Management committees. He is currently serving on the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and the Angus Productions Inc. (API) subsidiary boards and is an advisor to the NJAA Board.

Steve grew up on a farm and cattle operation south of Hereford, Texas. He developed a love for production agriculture at an early age, as he showed 4-H steers and heifers and judged livestock before graduating from Hereford High School. Steve received a bachelor's degree in animal science from Texas A&M University (TAMU) in 1974. He served as vice president of the Saddle & Sirloin Club, received the Distinguished Honor Award from the College of Agriculture, and judged on the meat evaluation and livestock judging teams at TAMU.

After graduation, Steve returned to Hereford to begin his diversified agriculture operation with his wife, Ginger. They have three married children. Moriah and her husband, Scott Pohlman, employed by Cargill Meat Solutions, ranch west of Hereford with their two sons. Sy and his wife, Kristi, make their living from a diversified operation in production agriculture south of Hereford. Joanna and her husband, Brent Carlson, also have a farming operation of their own near Hereford.

All three children grew up showing Angus cattle and participating in the Texas Junior

Angus Association (TJAA) and NJAA programs. Steve and Ginger were TJAA advisors for several years and learned how valuable this program is for educating future breeders. They also saw firsthand what an important role the NJAA plays in building leaders among young Angus people, as all three children served on the NJAA Board of Directors.

Living and working on a diversified farm and ranch has been Steve's lifelong occupation. His operation consists of a 200-head cow-calf Angus herd, including registered and commercial cows. Stocker cattle and commercial replacement heifers are wintered on wheat pasture and marketed in the spring. Steve has retained ownership of his commercial Angus calves through the feedlot phase, marketing them on a grid basis. Steve utilizes consignment sales and private treaty sales to market his Angus cattle. In addition to the cattle, crops of corn, wheat, sorghum silage and alfalfa hay are grown on an irrigated farm with center-pivot sprinklers.

Steve served on the Texas Angus Association board of directors from 1989 to 1995. Additional leadership experience has come from serving on local cooperative boards such as Hereford Farmers Gin, Consumers Fuel Coop and Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. He and Ginger are also members of First Baptist Church of Hereford.

Steve is also a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), Texas Cattle Feeders Association, NCBA and Greater West Texas Angus Association. Participation and involvement in these organizations has provided opportunities to keep abreast of constant changes in the cattle industry.

Utilization of Angus programs has given Steve a diversified background in the Angus breed. The use of AHIR, AI and carcass evaluation were among the first tools used to improve the breeding herd. EPDs, ET and ultrasound of carcass traits have been added to the program to enhance genetic improvement in the herd. Also, the use of AngusSource® tags in his commercial herd has improved marketing opportunities for those cattle.

In seeking a second term on the American Angus Board of Directors, Steve states, "It has been my privilege to serve on the Board these past three years. The Board has faced some challenging issues that have required some tough decisions. If I am elected to a second term, I will continue to make decisions that I feel are good for the Angus breed and the

future of our membership. I would appreciate your support."

### Cathy Watkins

The Indiana Angus Association is proud and pleased to unanimously endorse Cathy Watkins for a second term on the Board of directors of the American Angus Association.

Cathy graduated with high honors from Michigan State University in 1970 with a degree in animal science. While there, she



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was a member of the meat judging team and the livestock judging team. Her team won the Aksarben Livestock Evaluation Contest, and placed in the top five in all of the

contests in which they participated.

Individually, Cathy's best moment was when she placed fifth overall at the International Livestock Judging Contest in Chicago, Ill.

In 1970, Cathy married fellow judging team member Bob Watkins. They eventually settled on the Angus farm started in 1945 by Bob's father. Beaver Ridge Farm is located in east central Indiana. Besides Angus cattle, the farm produces corn, soybeans, wheat, oats and hay. Beaver Ridge Farm is truly a family operation. Cathy's brother-in-law Dan and his wife, Mary, live on the farm and take an active role in its operation. Cathy's mother-in-law, Anna Mae, is an important part of the family farm and still resides there.

Cathy and Bob believe that to be successful a program needs to have a focus and a target market. Their focus is to provide growth genetics to commercial and purebred producers. However, these growth cattle must be structurally sound, display strong udder quality, and must have the body capacity to allow them to stay in condition. The herd has been enrolled in AHIR since its inception, and recordkeeping is an important part of the operation. Ultrasound images are also captured and recorded on all yearling cattle.

Beaver Ridge bulls are marketed primarily through test stations, including the Midland Bull Test and the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP). The program's attention to growth has translated into success in these tests for the past several years. Most notably is BR Midland, a bull raised by Beaver Ridge that both performed and sold well at the

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Midland Bull Test sale in 2002. Females are marketed privately, allowing Bob and Cathy more one-on-one time with customers, many of whom are new to the Angus world.

Off the farm, Cathy worked for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for 33 years, retiring in 2007. Cathy's work experience provided her with financial analysis skills and the ability to review a situation, weigh the facts, and make a sound, timely decision. These skills have served her well during her first term as a Board member.

Cathy served as secretary for the Indiana Angus Association for 10 years, retiring just prior to her election to the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association. Cathy's experience with this position gave her skills in assisting members, handling issues of importance to Angus breeders, and running a successful breed organization.

During her first term as a director, Cathy served on every committee of the American Angus Association. She also served on the boards of these subsidiaries: Angus

Productions Inc. (API), Angus Foundation, and Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI).

As chair of the Activities Committee, Cathy implemented a program to allow members to submit suggestions for judges for Roll of Victory (ROV) point shows. She strongly believes the Association exists for members and to assist members, and that their input is welcomed and essential.

As vice chair of the Breed Improvement Committee, Cathy served on the subcommittee that developed the policy for

dealing with the genetic defects that were recently discovered. Her main concern during this process was to balance the need to protect the commercial industry with the needs of members as they dealt with these situations.

DNA technology has moved at blinding speed during Cathy's first term as a director. She believes that the potential for the use of DNA marker-assisted EPDs is the wave of the future, and she is proud to support the Association's leadership role in this area.

Cathy also serves on an ongoing subcommittee that is researching feed efficiency to determine the most accurate and informative method to compile and report this data for members' use.

Cathy strongly supports junior Angus programs, especially the educational contests at the NJAS. She is in charge of the Crystal Awards, which are given to the high-point boy and the high-point girl for the NJAS educational contests. Cathy developed the scoring system, designed the trophy award,

and each year oversees the tabulation of points for this award.

Cathy is proud to serve as your director and always welcomes members' input and comments. She believes that the Angus breed is the best in the business. She says, "We all need to work together to promote the great traits of the Angus breed. With a united effort we will continue to make great things happen for all of us and our customers."

