

# Angus Candidates

Ten members announce candidacy for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

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**A**t press time, 10 members had announced their intention to run for a position on the American Angus Association Board of Directors this November in Louisville, Ky. Charlie Boyd of Mayslick, Ky.; Scott Foster of Niles, Mich.; and Vaughn Meyer of Reva, S.D., are seeking a second three-year term on the Board. Tom Burke, Smithville, Mo.; Kathi Creamer of Montrose, Colo.; Curtis Long, Butler, Mo.; Jimmy Goode of Pampa, Texas; Philip Howell, Winchester, Ind.; Don Schiefelbein, Kimball, Minn.; and Craig Vejraska, Omak, Wash., are each seeking election to their first three-year term.

The delegates presented beginning on page 52 will elect five directors, a president and chairman of the board, and a vice president and vice chairman of the Board, as well as vote on any bylaws amendments that may be presented at the Association's 129th Annual Convention of Delegates. The convention will convene Monday, Nov. 12, in Louisville in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). See page 36 for a schedule of Angus activities.

Biographical sketches of the candidates are presented here in alphabetical order.

## Charlie Boyd II

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



**Charlie Boyd II**

Charlie's sons represent the fifth generation of the Boyd family to be involved in the cattle business, and their future involvement fuels his desire to help keep 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 the industry, and he plans to continue that commitment to the Angus breed and the cattle industry.

His family's involvement with cattle 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 includes an Angus and a Hereford program, and is home to many national champions. Charlie's passion for Angus cattle and studying of pedigrees has produced 18 bulls enrolled in major artificial insemination (AI) studs.

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

In 1987, Charlie graduated from the University of Kentucky (UK) with a bachelor's degree in agriculture economics. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and served as vice noble ruler. Charlie served as agriculture senator to the student body and was the agriculture student body president. He also served as a member of the UK Livestock Judging Team and was high individual at several contests.

Charlie has served fellow cattlemen at local, state and national levels. As a member of the Mason County Livestock Improvement Association and the Mason County Cattlemen's Association, he has worked closely with similar family-run cattle operations. Both sons are active in the local 4-H program, and Charlie and Paula strive to improve and expand learning opportunities available through their 4-H chapter.

Charlie has served as president of the Kentucky Angus Association, and in 2003 and 2012, he and Paula served as co-chairs of the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The Boyds were honored by the Kentucky Angus Association as Kentucky Angus Family of the Year in 2004 and as Performance Breeders of the Year in 2012.

Charlie 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.

During his first three years on the Association Board, Charlie served on the Breed Improvement, Activities (two years), Finance & Planning, Industry Relations and Member & Affiliate Services committees, as well as on the Angus Foundation (two years), Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) and Angus Productions Inc. (API) boards. He also chaired API's Internet Auction Committee, which oversaw creation of the Angus Trading Post.

"We must continue to build our future leaders by continually expanding and building the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) by constantly recruiting young Angus breeders to be active," Charlie says.

"We must also focus on small breeder retention, as well as recruitment of new Angus breeders," Charlie adds. "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 and by utilization of available science. 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*®)," he says.

"Now, more than ever, our breed and fellow Association members need solid leadership and vision. We need to be looking for new programs and ways to improve existing programs to benefit members — continually enhancing the tools in the toolbox to give members what they need to advance this breed," he says. "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."

## Tom Burke

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

A fourth-generation Angus breeder,



Tom Burke

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 127 years ago and is recognized as one of Minnesota's Century Farms.

At the age of 16, Tom cast his first vote as a delegate to the American Angus Association annual meeting. He has served as a delegate many years since.

A charter member of the Minnesota Junior Angus Association, Tom was elected the organization's first president in 1960 and served three consecutive terms. He and his twin brother, Tony, were named FFA State Star Farmers of Minnesota, and Tom was elected Minnesota FFA vice president in 1962. In 1963, he was elected president of the Minnesota 4-H Federation.

After completing his military obligation, Tom joined the *Drovers Journal*. He served as 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 of directors in 1971-1973, 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." He is one of the five original lifetime members of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

Tom was elected chairman of The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity in 1972, and continues in that role. In 1974, he was appointed to the board of the International Livestock 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 26 Atlantic Nationals. The 1993, 1996 and 2007 shows were dedicated to him.

Tom has been an Angus sale manager for

more than 45 years, averaging more than 175 registered Angus sales per year. He has conducted Angus sales in 47 states, six provinces of Canada and the Caribbean. He takes great 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 "Marketeer of the Year" during the 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. In 1993, *USA Today* recognized him as one of the 25 most traveled people 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 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 46 National Junior Showmanship Contests conducted from 1967 to 2012, as well as all 44 National Junior Angus Shows hosted between 1969 and 2012, serving as an announcer or master of ceremonies at several of these events.

The American Angus Association inducted Tom into the Angus Heritage Foundation in 2004 and presented him the Historic Angus Herd Award in 2006. The Kansas Angus Association selected him as an Honorary Member in 2005.

Tom has co-authored several books, including *Angus Legends, Volume I; Unforgettable Memories; The 40th Anniversary of the National Junior Angus Show*; and a history of the Central Illinois Angus Association. He is working on two additional Angus books.

Tom has also been active in the Suffolk sheep business, serving as an officer and/or director of breed organizations at the state and national level.

In 2008, Tom was elected to the International Stockyard's board of directors.

Today, Tom owns 250 registered Angus cows and has 30 bulls in major AI studs. He is involved daily at the American Angus Hall of Fame, which is the home of the largest collection of Angus history in the world. His daughter, Carmen; son-in-law, Jake; and three grandchildren, Jett, Miles and Blair, are all members of the American Angus Association and reside on the Burke Family Farm at Platte City, Mo. Tom is a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Weston, Mo.

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 says he will always put first and foremost the needs of the Angus breed and its members, having an open ear for your input and valuing your opinion as a member.

## Kathi Creamer

The Western States Angus Association Board of Directors has unanimously endorsed Kathi Creamer, Montrose, Colo., as a candidate for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Kathi and her husband, Jeff, and parents, Richard and Elaine Biella, own and operate



Kathi Creamer

Lazy JB Angus Ranch on the western slope of Colorado. The Creamers have two children, Brandon and Britney, who are actively involved in the cattle operation.

Kathi's roots in the livestock industry trace back four generations to the small farming and commercial cattle operation developed by her great-grandfather John Biella. The first Angus female to carry the Lazy JB brand was a Christmas present from John's son, Frank Biella, to his son, Richard. Fourteen years later the tradition was carried on when Richard presented Kathi her first Angus heifer as a 4-H project. This project led to a passion for Angus cattle and the development of a registered Angus herd.

Kathi attended the University of Colorado and received her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1977. After graduation she was employed as an elementary teacher in the Boulder Valley School System for 20 years before retiring. She was awarded several grants and recognized as one of Colorado's outstanding science teachers during her teaching career.

Kathi served as the executive secretary of the Colorado Angus Association (CAA) in 1980. It was through her involvement in Angus activities that she met her future husband.

In 1998 Kathi retired from teaching. The operation moved to Montrose where the herd has grown to 250 females, and raising Angus cattle and grass hay is a full-time business. In 2001 the CAA recognized the Creamers as "Angus Promoters of the Year," and in 2010 they were named the Western National Angus Futurity "Herdsman of the Year." Kathi was honored to judge the

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National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest in 2005.

Since 2000, the Lazy JB program has marketed PAP-tested bulls through an annual bull sale in March. Bulls have also been marketed through the National Western Bull Sale. Females are sold through private-treaty sales. Most recently, an online show heifer sale has been added to their marketing program. Utilization of AI, embryo transfer (ET), ultrasound data, DNA testing and PAP testing are key to the growth and success of the Lazy JB herd.

Kathi has been active in the American Angus Auxiliary, serving on the Auxiliary's officer team and as president in 2010. She has served on several Auxiliary committees and currently serves as the publicity chairman. She writes the "Beyond the Barn" column for the Auxiliary's newsletter, *The Auxiliary Post*.

Locally, Kathi has served as the Montrose County beef superintendent. She coached the Montrose County 4-H Livestock Judging Team from 2004 to 2006 and currently serves as a 4-H leader. She established the Montrose County 4-H Foundation and served as chairman in 2006; she currently serves on the board of directors.

In 2001, as a member of the Uncompahgre Cattlewomen's Association (UCA) she established the UCA scholarship program. She is also an active member of the Uncompahgre Cattlemen's and Ouray County Cattlemen's associations.

Kathi and Jeff have both been strong supporters of junior programs on the state and national level. They were Colorado Junior Angus Association advisors for nine years. They served as co-chairs of the 2010 NJAS, and Kathi served as secretary of the 2005 NJAS and on numerous committees for these shows. Jeff has served on the Montrose County Fair Board and currently helps with the Montrose County 4-H Sale. Kathi and her family host numerous cattle care and showing clinics for youth on the "western slope." They share a strong commitment to youth and agriculture.

Their children were actively involved in state and national junior Angus associations. Brandon, 25, served as vice chairman of the NJAA Board in 2009. He received his bachelor's degree in animal science from Colorado State University (CSU) and is employed by the CSU Extension Service as a county agent.

Britney, 23, served as chairman of the NJAA Board in 2011 and won the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest in 2010. She received her bachelor's degree in agricultural economics, international

marketing and Spanish from Oklahoma State University (OSU). She is working on her master's in international agriculture at OSU.

"The strength of the Angus breed and the programs and resources it offers has provided me with tools to develop a successful operation," Kathi says. "It would be an honor and privilege to serve the breed and all of its members."

### Scott Foster

The Michigan Angus Association unanimously endorses Scott Foster for re-election to the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Scott grew up on his family farm near



Scott Foster

Niles, Mich. He attended Niles High School, graduating in 1977. While in high school, Scott served as junior class president and senior class vice president. He also participated in FFA, serving as

a state president for Michigan in 1977 and was runner-up Star State Farmer.

After graduation from high school, Scott attended Southwestern Michigan College for two years, where he received an associate in science degree. He transferred to Michigan State University (MSU), graduating with a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry. While attending MSU, he participated in the Block & 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, 26, and Danielle, 23. Both children have been actively involved in the NJAA at both the state and national levels.

Andrew attended Oklahoma State University (OSU) and graduated in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in animal science. He was a member of the livestock judging team at OSU. Andrew was also a member of the NJAA Board and served as vice chairman. He

currently is a partner in Seldom Rest Farms.

Danielle attended the University of Michigan and graduated in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in communication. She served as the 2008 Miss American Angus and on the NJAA Board as the leadership chairman. Danielle currently works for Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) in Wooster, Ohio, and is pursuing her master's in business administration (MBA) at Kaplan University.

Scott raises registered Angus cattle and farms with his brother, Bruce, and son, Andrew. 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 180 head of registered Angus cattle. Fourteen 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 and nationally. Within the past year, a spring online sale has been added to the offerings.

Seldom Rest Farms was awarded the National Cattleman's Beef Association (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 and has served as a member of 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 American Angus Association, particularly the junior program, serving as junior advisors for 11 years.

During his three years on the Association Board of Directors, Scott has served on the Activities Committee (three years), Finance & Planning Committee (two years), Industry Relations Committee and Angus Foundation Board of Directors (three years).

In seeking a second term on the Board of Directors, Scott states, "The past three years have offered me the opportunity to learn the inner workings of the Association. The dedication of the staff, Board of Directors and the Angus membership is truly amazing. I am proud to have been a part of new programs, research in critical areas and telling the Angus story with the focus on strengthening the breed.

"The ultimate goal of all these initiatives is to increase the economic security for our registered Angus breeders. I feel that there is

still more to be done in the future and would appreciate the opportunity to hear your concerns and serve as your voice on the American Angus Association Board of Directors.”

### Jimmy Goode

The Texas Angus Association unanimously endorses Jimmy Goode as a candidate for the American Angus Association Board of



**Jimmy Goode**

Directors. Jimmy and his wife, Glennette, own and operate Goode Angus in the Texas Panhandle, near Pampa. They have one son, Jeremy, currently helping in the operation, with

daughter-in-law Liana and grandson Roland, who will be 1 in October 2012.

Originally from Beaumont, Jimmy graduated high school in 1977. He immediately attended Fire School and became the youngest fireman in the history of the Beaumont Fire Department. Jimmy met Glennette in 1977, when he went to work for her part-time while working at the fire department. Seven years later they were married.

Jimmy has always been interested in business. He opened his own high-performance auto parts store while with the fire department and later moved to Monroe, La., to help manage an auto parts warehouse.

In 1984, Jimmy and Glennette returned to her family ranch, which was homesteaded in the early 1900s. They helped with whatever needed to be done — the commercial cattle operation, the small oil production company, remodeling her parents' house, etc. They did all the construction of their own home on the family property.

When Glennette's dad was killed in 1997, Jimmy continued managing the commercial herd as his father-in-law had done for two years. With the normal limiting capacity (30 acres per head) of land available, he wanted to add value to the cow herd, and he first bought Angus bulls.

Jimmy researched different registered breeds of cattle and attended as many sales and meetings as possible. During that time he had the opportunity to meet John Crouch at Minnie Lou Bradley's B3R sale. Both Crouch and Bradley influenced his decision to choose Angus. After that visit and understanding more of what the Angus breed offered (not

only the Angus cow but also the information that the Association provided its members), his decision was made. Jimmy sold the 75 commercial cows and bought 39 registered three-in-ones in 2001.

Having a better understanding of his market, in 2003 Jimmy committed to 100% AI and introduced ET to the program. Today they are 50% AI, 50% ET, and the herd comprises 400 mother cows. 2012 marks the sixth year of the Prime by Design Female Production Sale with sale partner 2 Bar Angus of Hereford, Texas.

Jimmy was elected to the Texas Angus Association (TAA) board in 2004, served as president in 2009, and has served on the board continuously since first elected. Jimmy introduced and developed Find-A-Bull to the TAA website. With Texas being so large geographically, its purpose was to help connect commercial breeders to particularly small-scale registered breeders by simply clicking on a map. He also served two terms as president of the Greater West Texas Angus Association. Jimmy has served as a delegate to the American Angus Association annual meeting for six years.

With the ongoing drought conditions and the economic challenges we face, Jimmy feels it's even more important to make good business decisions, and he would like to be part of those decisions for the American Angus Association.

Jimmy says, "I believe I can offer a unique perspective to the Board. I chose the Angus breed based on the strength of the American Angus Association organization, the tools it offers, the promotion associated with CAB, and the AAA support of our youth. I have been a small breeder and have grown into a larger one, and have a good understanding of the challenges of both. I would greatly appreciate your support for a position on the American Angus Association Board of Directors."

### Philip Howell

By acclamation, the Indiana Angus Association board of directors endorses the candidacy of Philip A. (Doc) Howell for the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association.

Phil, the son of Warren and Marjorie (Wright) Howell, was born in Muncie, Ind., in 1949. He graduated from Daleville (Indiana) High School, where he lettered in both track and cross country and ran with his team in the state cross country meet in 1966. He attended Purdue University and graduated with a doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM) degree in 1973. While at

Purdue he was a member of both Alpha Zeta agricultural honorary and Phi Zeta, a veterinary academic honorary.

After graduation, Phil worked in mixed animal practices in Cedar Grove, Wis., and



**Philip Howell**

Silver Lake, Ind. Finding an opportunity to be near family, he purchased a practice in Winchester, Ind., in June 1979. He is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) and the Indiana Bovine Interest Group.

On Sept. 8, 1973, he married Judith Diane Siewert. Judy is a registered nurse (retired) and past president of the Indiana Angus Auxiliary. She currently serves as the Auxiliary representative to the Indiana Angus Association board of directors. Since retiring, she works in a local food pantry, with Kids Hope, and in the veterinary clinic on Saturdays and daily answering the clinic phone after hours.

Phil and Judy have been blessed with three children, all Purdue graduates. Emily Howell Reynolds is a medical technologist. She lives in Owensboro, Ky., and works as a medical laboratory director and practice administrator. She and her husband, David, an attorney, have two children.

Andy is an agriculture science teacher. He and his wife, Allison, a registered nurse working in intensive care and administration, live in Milltown, Ind. Their 5-year-old daughter, Allie, is already an Angus showing veteran. Andy is an auctioneer and active in many Angus organizations. He is president of the Southern Indiana Angus Association and on the board of the Indiana Angus Association.

Brian, their youngest son, is the 4-H and Youth Extension Educator in Tipton County, Ind. He served on the NJAA Board from 2001 to 2003. He was the showmanship winner at the Atlantic National, Eastern Regional Angus Show at Lebanon, Ohio, and a finalist in the showmanship contest at the 2001 NJAS in Denver. Brian has been active in the Indiana Junior Angus Association and has served as an advisor to the association. He and his wife, Jill, a musician and teacher, have two sons and live in Tipton, Ind.

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In his local community, Phil has served as a member and president of both the County Extension Board and Council and the Randolph County Beef Producers. He has also been a member of the Agricultural Outreach Board of St. Vincent Randolph Hospital and the Randolph County Board of Health.

Phil and Judy are members of Main Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), where Phil has served as an elder for more than 20 years.

In 1961, Phil purchased his first Angus heifer from Don Watkins of Beaver Ridge Farm, Middletown, Ind. Phil served as president of the Indiana Junior Angus Association (1969), Indiana Angus Association (IAA, 2005), and the Southeastern Indiana Angus Association (2009). Since 2005, he served on the IAA Board and has been a voting delegate to the American Angus Association annual meeting. In 2006 he was chairman of the Daily Volunteers Committee at the NJAS (Indianapolis), and he plans to serve as the veterinary service coordinator when the NJAS returns to Indianapolis in 2014.

Phil and Andy and their wives currently manage 50 cows, the majority being registered Angus with a few Maine-Anjou females. They have consistently used new techniques to advance the productivity and quality of their herd. They have used AI extensively and have used ET both with purchased embryos and with embryos flushed from some of their best cows. Performance testing has been used since the mid-1960s. Ultrasound has been used to evaluate genetic merit in the past.

Howell Cattle Co. has marketed its production in several ways. Several open-house private-treaty sales were hosted at the Winchester farm. Cattle have been consigned to several sales, including the Southern Indiana Angus Association, Ohio Showcase, Sherman Angus (Doug Sherman), and the Green Valley (Dennis Garwood) Bull Sale in Nebraska.

If chosen to serve on the Board, Phil looks forward to furthering the implementation of the Strategic Plan, which would, according to former Association President Joe Hampton, “continue to push the boundaries of traditional cattle associations.”

The ongoing discovery and multiplication of superior genetic material and developing programs, policies and procedures to increase the positive contribution of Angus genetics to the beef industry should be the goal of the Board and the members of the American Angus Association, Phil says.

### Curtis W. Long

Curtis W. (Doc) Long of Butler, Mo., a member of the American Angus Association since 1967, has received the unanimous



Curtis W. Long

endorsement of the Missouri Angus Association Board of Directors, and the overwhelming support from the membership of the Missouri Angus Association, for his candidacy for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

“Doc Long’s true passion for Angus cattle and the entire beef industry is the catalyst that compels the Missouri Angus Association to proudly support him as a candidate for the AAA board,” stated Deb Thummel, president of the Missouri Angus Association. “We are confident that he can call on his nearly 50 years of experience as an Angus breeder to fairly represent the entire membership.”

Doc’s advocacy of Angus programs is evidenced by his long-standing endorsement and implementation of viable, constructive Association programs for junior Angus breeders at county, state and national levels. Doc and his wife, Ann, are strong supporters of the Angus Foundation. In addition to creating an endowment for carcass awards at the NJAS, they purchased the 2011 and 2012 Foundation Heifer Packages.

Doc established the Missouri State Fair Angus Carcass Contest, now in its 14th year. He served as the Missouri Angus Association president from 2001-2002 and continues to fund Missouri Angus Association scholarships. Junior members benefit, but Doc contends the Angus industry profits as well, knowing young, progressive producers are taking Angus in the right direction. As a national board member, he would like to help improve the programs available for junior members and see youth progressing in the breed and in life in general.

Doc and Ann, the farm’s bookkeeper, manage a 220-cow registered herd on 1,900 acres at Briarwood Angus Farms. Genetics originating from the Wye Plantation still focus on functional, good-milking cattle that calve easily, without forsaking growth. Each spring approximately 50 bulls and 40 female lots sell during Briarwood’s annual sale.

A founding member of U.S. Premium Beef (USPB), Doc understands value-added

products. Briarwood cattle consistently grade greater than 90% Choice, with more than 50% qualifying for CAB. Briarwood finishes approximately 100 head annually for USPB Nature Source® and utilizes carcass data in all breeding decisions, while aggressively managing health and nutrition.

Doc was educated at the University of Missouri–Columbia (MU) School of Agriculture. He graduated in 1956 with a bachelor’s degree in agricultural biochemistry. He was a member of Alpha Zeta agriculture honorary society and Alpha Gamma Rho, spearheading its fundraising effort for a new fraternity house in 1992.

In 1956, Doc returned to Festus to work as a cattle buyer in his father’s meatpacking house. Two years later, he married and moved to Columbia upon acceptance to MU’s medical school, graduating in 1963.

By 1964, the Longs had moved to Butler, where Doc has maintained his medical practice, in addition to the farm, for 48 years. In 2006, he was appointed to an associate professorship of family practice at MU. The 2010 Missouri’s Physician of the Year, Doc is also recognized by MU’s School of Medicine for developing a residents’ training program that teaches skills necessary for bringing comprehensive care to rural areas.

He served his community on multiple boards and was the founding stockholder for Community First Bank of Butler. He is widely recognized for his generous backing of 4-H, FFA and cattlemen’s associations.

“I believe I can bring diversity to the board and will also try to see that all members of the American Angus Association are treated equally,” Doc says. “I would be honored to serve the American Angus Association to accomplish such endeavors and work to keep Angus number one with honesty and integrity.”

### Vaughn Meyer

The South Dakota Angus Association board of directors and the Black Hills Angus Association unanimously endorsed Vaughn Meyer’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 the Meyers market 200 bulls annually with a sale on the ranch each February. AI, ET and ultrasound evaluation are incorporated into the breeding program, and all cattle are enrolled in Angus Herd



**Vaughn Meyer**

Improvement Records (AHIR®), Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) recordkeeping systems and the MaternalPlus™ program.

In his youth Vaughn assisted with ranch chores and participated in 4-H and FFA. Following graduation from Lemmon High School, he attended South Dakota State University (SDSU) and received a bachelor's degree in animal science production. At SDSU Vaughn was active in Block & 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, husband Quinten and son Jace live in Rushville, Neb. Both daughters and their families assist with ranch duties in addition to their careers.

In 2004, Austin Risty, a fellow Angus producer, joined Sodak Angus. 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 served as master for his local Masonic Lodge, president of the West River Shrine Organization, and past director and president of the Black Hills Angus Association. He is a member of the Perkins and Harding County Livestock Improvement associations and a director for the Perkins County Farmers Union.

Vaughn was a director on the South Dakota Beef Industry Council, where he served as treasurer and chairman of the Research Committee. Vaughn currently serves as Marketing Committee chairman of the South Dakota Stock Growers Association

and was appointed to a directorship on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB).

Vaughn and Lois were recipients of the 2009 Black Hills Angus Association Distinguished Service Award and were named 2012 Breeder of the Year. Sodak Angus was nominated as a 2000 Seedstock Producer of the Year by the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF).

During his first term on the American Angus Association Board of Directors, Vaughn has served on numerous committees, including Finance & Planning (three years), Information & Data Management, Member & Affiliate Services (two years) and Breed Improvement. He served as chairman of the Angus verification special committee in 2012, and he has served on the boards of Angus Productions Inc. (API, two years) and AGI.

Says Vaughn, "In seeking a second term to the American Angus Board of Directors, I will remain committed to representing all Angus breeders and developing policies that will maintain the Angus breed at the forefront of our beef industry. I support positive programs that enable today's Angus youth to become tomorrow's leaders. I will continue being a strong advocate for Angus purity and support breed programs that enhance Angus profits for the commercial cowman. I would appreciate your support and the opportunity to further serve my fellow Angus breeders on the American Angus Board of Directors."

### **Don Schiefelbein**

The Minnesota Angus Association unanimously and enthusiastically supports Don Schiefelbein as a candidate for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Don was born and raised as the seventh of nine sons (no sisters) on his family's Angus farm near



**Don Schiefelbein**

Kimball, Minn. Don attended college at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, where he graduated with academic honors with a degree in animal science. At Texas A&M, Don

was a member of the 1987 national champion meats team and the 1988 reserve national champion livestock judging team.

Most importantly, Texas A&M was where

Don met his wife, Jennifer, a Southern-born and -bred girl from Victoria, Texas.

Following graduation during the depths of the farm crisis of the 1980s, Don was unable to immediately return to the family farm. He was hired by Texas A&M as meats extension assistant, for which he traveled the United States collecting carcass ultrasound data during the technology's infancy. Don was among the first technicians ever certified and helped shape and define the certification process.

In 1990, the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF) hired him to oversee its junior program. At the time, the North American Limousin Junior Association (NALJA) boasted one of the largest junior show programs in the country. Don was instrumental in adapting the junior show event to include other competitive events such as public speaking, sales talk, a judging contest, etc. Don was later promoted to director of marketing, managing the commercial marketing activities for NALF.

The American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) hired Don in 1995 to oversee its commercial marketing program. As director of commercial marketing, Don initiated the first-ever "open to any breed" value-based grid. The "Gelbvieh Grid," as it was dubbed, has the distinction of being the first value-based grid to pay a direct CAB premium. This marketing program was instrumental in forever changing the way high-value cattle were sold.

In 1999, Don was promoted to head up the AGA as its executive director. Don oversaw all AGA activities, including the wholly owned magazine, the *Gelbvieh World*. During Don's tenure, the AGA adopted an optional whole-herd reporting program, created a myriad of dollar indices (the basis of which created \$B and \$G), designed an electronic cow-calf software program and created the Balancer program.

Don was able to fulfill his lifelong dream in 2002, returning to his family Angus farm in Kimball, Minn. Don's goal was always to raise his family in the country and allow them to enjoy a rural lifestyle that only a farm or ranch can provide. Throughout Don's career, he was directly involved with Schiefelbein Farms' Angus operation as manager of the family's bull sales and overseeing Angus registrations.

Today, Don serves as the president of Schiefelbein Farms LLC, of which he is a partner with all seven of his brothers (brother Bill died in 1992), his father and two nephews. All family-owned and -operated,

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Schiefelbein Farms is home to more than 750 registered Angus cows.

The family annually AI's approximately 1,000 registered Angus females through an intensive synchronization program and inserts an additional 150 embryos into registered Angus recipients. The program currently markets more than 350 bulls to commercial and seedstock clients throughout the United States. The Schiefelbein operation is routinely among the largest producers of Angus Pathfinder® cows in the nation. The family's 2012 annual sale was a record-breaking event, with a standing-room-only crowd paying tribute to the family's 57th year in the Angus business.

The family created a unique customer buy-back program in 1992. This cattle-feeding program purchases high-quality calves sired by Schiefelbein genetics and feeds them for a variety of premium programs. This past year the program purchased more than 30,000 Schiefelbein-sired calves with outstanding results. Schiefelbein Farms is honored to be recognized as this year's CAB Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award winner (see page 82).

Currently, Don is serving as president of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association and is a Minnesota Angus Association board member. This past year Don has served on the Beef Industry Long-Range Planning Task Force, the National Beef Quality Audit Task Force and the BIF task force considering how to ensure continued funding of extension research. Don has been an invited guest to participate in a number of breed association long-range planning processes, including Angus, Gelbvieh, Simmental, Maine-Anjou and Chianina.

Don has been a featured speaker at many beef industry events, including the National Angus Conference, BIF, Pfizer's Cattlemen's College, Texas Beef Cattle Short Course, Montana Nutrition Conference, etc.

Don is blessed to have been married to wife Jennifer for 22 years and to have three beautiful, bright and talented daughters: Shelby, 16; Abbey, 13; and Bailee, 10.

"The Angus breed has always been my family's way of life, and I am truly excited to support the American Angus Association Board as we promote and advance the greatest cattle breed on Earth," Schiefelbein says.

### Craig Vejraska

The Washington State Angus Association and the Western States Angus Association endorsed Craig Vejraska as a candidate for the



Craig Vejraska

American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Craig and his wife, Mary K., along with sons Todd and Scott, own and operate Sunny Okanogan Angus Ranch located in the heart of cow

country in North Central Washington State. Sunny Okanogan Angus Ranch is a third-generation ranch started by Craig and his father, Lou, in the early 1960s.

Craig has been very active in the livestock industry. As the owner of Okanogan Livestock Market, he served two terms as president of the Washington Livestock Marketing Association (LMA). As president of the Washington Angus Association, Craig and Mary K. hosted the very first modern-day National Angus Conference & Tour in Washington state.

Craig has served two terms on the board of directors of the Western States Angus Association. He was appointed by the governor of Washington state to be on the 303 Committee that is writing the rules for Washington state regarding animal disease traceability. This past year he served as president of the Cattle Producers of Washington, a statewide organization concentrating on livestock marketing.

Angus cattle are a family business for the Vejraska family. Mary K. served as Region 1 Director for the American Angus Auxiliary.

Son Todd is currently serving as director for the Western States Angus Association. Todd's wife, Katlenia, is vice president of Okanogan County CattleWomen, and their son Scott serves on the state board for the Cattle Producers of Washington.

Craig and his family use many of the tools available for marketing, including AI, ultrasound, and residual feed intake (RFI). They host an annual bull sale at the Okanogan Livestock Market and have been taking bulls to Midland Bull Test for more than 40 years.

As owner of Okanogan Livestock Market, Craig has sent thousands of top-quality Angus feeder cattle to Midwest feedlots. This past year he has been involved in exporting registered Angus heifers to Russia and Turkey.

Craig and Mary K. have traveled extensively with fellow Angus breeders and have attended Montana Angus tours, national Angus conferences and tours, and the World Angus Forum in Australia.

In addition to the cattle business, Craig has served as county commissioner for Okanogan County. During his term he was elected president of the Washington Counties Risk Pool. As president of the Risk Pool, he negotiated the general liability and employee benefit packages for 39 county governments.

Craig says, "The Angus breed of cattle and the American Angus Association have been good to my family. I've watched this breed of cattle and the American Angus Association turn the cow herds of America black. I would like the opportunity to serve on the national board of directors of the American Angus Association, using my 50 years of experience in the livestock industry from seedstock producer, cattle feeder and livestock marketer to help the American Angus Association stay the number one breed registry in the country."

