



# Board Action

► Highlights of the June 3-5, 2015, meeting of the American Angus Association® Board of Directors

## June Board highlights

Pursuant to notice, the meeting of the American Angus Association Board of Directors was convened June 3-5, 2015, in Wooster, Ohio. The following officers and directors were present: Steve Olson, president and chairman of the Board; Jim Sitz, vice president and vice chairman of the Board; Charlie Boyd II, treasurer; Tom Burke; Jerry Connealy; David A. Dal Porto; Scott Foster; John F. Grimes; John Elbert Harrell\*; James W. Henderson; Phil Howell; Leo McDonnell; Vaughn Meyer; Dave Nichols; John Pfeiffer Jr.; Don Schiefelbein; Jim Sitz; and Kevin Yon. Highlights of the meeting are as follows.

### ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- The back covers of the 2016 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) show programs on the Hill and in the Yards will be sold separately on [www.angusauctions.com](http://www.angusauctions.com).
- The committee recommended to the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) a proposal to lower the minimum age to 8, effective Jan. 1, 2016.
- The following individuals will be inducted into the 2015 Angus Heritage Foundation: Dr. C.K. Allen, Montana; Keith Stevenson, Montana; Dr. Curtis Long, Missouri; and David Danciger, to be inducted posthumously.

## ANGUS THE BUSINESS BREED

### BREED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

- The committee approved proposed guidelines for granting requests for Performance Pedigree files.
- The committee approved a proposal to publish genetic trend tables for dollar value indexes (\$Values) when the semi-annual evaluation is released in July.
- Staff presented information on relationships between calving ease expected

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### Board announcement

The American Angus Association Board of Directors announced June 5 that Bryce Schumann is no longer the organization's CEO. In a statement posted to the Association's website, the Board shared the following:

### Change of leadership

*Bryce has been a long-time employee of the Association and a dedicated servant to our members during his 15 years at the Saint Joseph, Mo., headquarters.*

*During his tenure as CEO, the breed experienced widespread adoption among producers of genomics technologies, expansion in communications and marketing programs, and record-setting growth for the Certified Angus Beef® brand.*

*We are initiating the process to identify qualified candidates to become our new chief executive officer. Until then, Chief Financial Officer Richard Wilson will serve as interim CEO and oversee the operations of the Association and its entities.*

*In the meantime, the American Angus Association will continue to provide the same level of quality service to its members during this time of transition.*

*Sincerely,  
The American Angus Association  
Board of Directors*

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