

Stockgrowers of American (R-CALF USA). She succeeds Stayton Weldon, Cuero, Texas, who had served the two-term maximum.

Dave Edmiston, representing the Texas Farm Bureau, is the newly elected chairman of the Texas Beef Council (TBC) Board of Directors. **Austin Brown III** of Beeville will represent the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association on the board as the newly elected vice chairman. Other members of the executive committee are **Bruce Dopslauf**, **Ryan Moorhouse** and outgoing chairman, **Coleman Locke**.

The TBC consists entirely of beef producers providing representation of the state through organization affiliation.

Josie Dechant, LaCrosse, Wis., has been hired at Accelerated Genetics as a laboratory technician at the company's semen and distribution center in Westby, Wis. **Drew Smith**, Madison, Wis., has been hired as a general programmer at the company's administrative headquarters in Baraboo, Wis.

Ben Kaehler, Dow AgroSciences, and **Gwyn Schramm**, Monsanto Co., have been elected to the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) board of directors.

Kevin Voyles, Thayne, Wyo., and **Annaliese Wiederspahn**, Cheyenne, Wyo., have been elected to the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust board of directors.

Carnahan Ranches Inc., Kiowa, Colo., received the Friend of the National Western and Red Meat Industry Award from the Red Meat Club at the club's annual dinner Jan. 15. While the ranch has a distinguished record as a commercial producer, the recognition was for the ranch's remarkable history as a National Western exhibitor, tracing back to the first Stock Show in 1906.

Evan Whitley has been hired as manager of the Center for Advanced Agricultural Systems and Technologies (CAAST) by the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation. As manager, Whitley will coordinate the center's research efforts and provide information to agricultural producers, researchers and strategic partners.

Longevity awards

American Angus CEO Bryce Schumann presented service awards to employees at the Christmas dinner and dance at the Holiday Inn in downtown Saint Joseph, Mo., Dec. 13, 2014.

Honored for five years of service was Mike Flannery. Della Horstman, Kenny Miller, Milford Jenkins and Gayla Fuston were recognized for 10 years of service. Gina Weigert, Ginette Kurtz, Janice Blair and Deborah Wilson received 20-year service awards. Lea Ann Maudlin was awarded for 25 years, Leota Wilson and Terry Cotton were recognized for 35 years, and Richard Wilson was honored for 45 years of service.

— by *Linda Robbins*, assistant editor



Richard Wilson
45 years



Terry Cotton
35 years



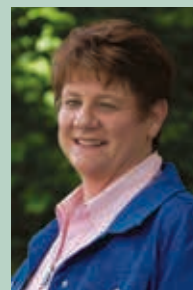
Leota Wilson
35 years



Lea Ann Maudlin
25 years



Janice Blair
20 years



Ginette Kurtz
20 years



Gina Weigert
20 years



Deborah Wilson
20 years



Bryce Schumann
15 years



Gayla Fuston
10 years



Della Horstman
10 years



Milford Jenkins
10 years



Kenny Miller
10 years



Mike Flannery
5 years

