

10 ANNOUNCE BOARD

Ten members announce they will seek a position on the American Angus Association Board of Directors in November.

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Ten members have declared their intention to run for a position on the American Angus Association Board of Directors this November. Philip Howell, Winchester, Ind., and Don Schiefelbein, Kimball, Minn., are seeking a second three-year term on the board. James Coffey, Hustonville, Ky.; Chuck Grove, Forest, Va.; Mike McCravy, Bowdon, Ga.; Greg McKean, Mercer, Pa.; Scott Shively, Pleasant Lake, N.D.; Ken Stielow, Paradise, Kan.; Frank Taylor, Rose, Neb.; and Mick Varilek, Geddes, S.D., are each seeking election to their first three-year term.

The delegates presented beginning on page 72 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 132nd Annual Convention of Delegates. The convention will convene at 10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Overland Park Convention Center, Overland Park, Kan., during the Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show. See the Convention program packaged with this issue for a schedule of activities.

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

James Coffey

The Kentucky Angus Association (KAA) unanimously endorses James Coffey, Hustonville, Ky., as a candidate for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

James is a fifth-generation Angus breeder who was raised on the family's Angus cattle and tobacco operation, Branch View Angus, just south of Hustonville and the Kentucky bluegrass region. James has spent his entire life working alongside his father and grandfather, helping with the cattle operation and previously the tobacco operation. He showed cattle at county fairs and the Kentucky State Fair throughout his 4-H and FFA career.

When James reached 16, he joined his uncle's wholesale grocery company as an independent salesman. Starting with nothing but a loaned vehicle and gas money from Mom and Dad, he was able to grow his portion of the business to more than 100

Board Candidates

Seeking Re-election:

Philip Howell, *Indiana*
Don Schiefelbein, *Minnesota*

Seeking a first term:

James Coffey, *Kentucky*
Chuck Grove, *Virginia*
Mike McCravy, *Georgia*
Greg McKean, *Pennsylvania*
Scott Shively, *North Dakota*
Ken Stielow, *Kansas*
Frank Taylor, *Nebraska/Minnesota*
Mick Varilek, *South Dakota*

customers by the time he graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

After graduation he worked for Coopers and Lybrand, Louisville, Ky., a Big Six



James Coffey

accounting firm. With a desire to be closer to the farm, he joined Kerbaugh and Rodes, CPAs, Danville, Ky., and finished his CPA certification. In 1993 he purchased Pitman Creek Wholesale (PCW),

a regional sporting goods distributor. PCW now has more than 2,000 retail store customers across the United States. While expanding PCW, James set out to grow the family Angus operation. Branch View Angus was built by his grandfather's selling of bulls to commercial cattlemen. James introduced artificial insemination (AI), embryo transfer (ET), Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and genetic testing to the herd. AHIR became a cornerstone of the operation, and there has been vast improvement in the performance of the cattle since implementation. Since 2011 the family has hosted the largest annual Angus sale in Kentucky and one of the largest sales in the East.

The family has fed their own and

customer-purchased cattle in Kansas, using the harvest data to guide breeding decisions. They also sold feeder cattle in the Kentucky Certified Preconditioned for Health (CPH)-45 feeder-calf sales.

Branch View Angus has been recognized by the American Angus Association as a Historic Herd and by the KAA as Performance Breeder of the Year.

James has held numerous leadership positions within the industry. He represented the American Angus Association on the 2010 Young Cattlemen's Conference tour and has served as a delegate to the Annual Convention for many years.

He served two director terms and as president for both the Central Kentucky Angus Association and the KAA. While on the KAA board, James chaired the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes and Promotion committees.

James served on the PBK Bank Advisory Board. He is currently a member of Lincoln County Cattlemen's Association, Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, Central Kentucky Angus Association, and the Kentucky Angus Association.

James has two sons, Addison and Bennett. James and his wife, LuAnn, have a son, David Reid, who is the sixth generation to grow up on the farm.

James has great admiration for the leaders who have moved the Angus breed and the American Angus Association to the forefront of the world beef industry.

"CAB (Certified Angus Beef LLC) is one of the great business success stories of all time," states James. "I remember the 1980s when the breed was chasing the Continental influence. It took a strong group of visionaries to create CAB."

James believes the power of the AHIR database and expected progeny differences (EPDs) have been the driver making the Association the strongest breed association in the world. James says the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) is the cornerstone of our breed.

"We are raising the next generation of agriculture leaders. There is no better experience than the one juniors receive from participation in the NJAA," says James.

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James believes the Association must remain true to its charter to promote the best interest of the breed so that the American Angus Association remains the preeminent beef association.

James' diverse experiences and dedication to the Angus breed qualify him to represent the membership of the world's largest breed organization. He is honored to be considered for election to the Board and would appreciate your support.

James welcomes your questions. You may contact him by phone at 859-238-0771 or by email at james@branchviewangus.com.

Chuck Grove

Chuck Grove is a native Virginian who has devoted his entire life to the Angus breed and Angus breeders. The son of Doris and Whitney Grove, he and his sister, Glenna, were raised on the family's registered-Angus farm in Forest, Va.

Chuck has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1973. His



Chuck Grove

father, grandfather and two uncles were also life members, and his uncle Conrad Grove served two terms on the American Angus Association Board of Directors. He and his wife of 41 years, Ruth, have

two children, Jake and Rachel, and two grandchildren. Jake is a lifetime member of the American Angus Association, and Rachel is married to an Angus breeder.

As a Virginia Junior Angus Association member, Chuck was active in junior Angus activities at the regional, state and national level. He was a contestant in the 1970 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest in Lexington, Ky.

His 4-H club played a major role in Chuck's teenage years. He was a member of the state livestock judging team that represented Virginia at the International Live Stock Show in Chicago in 1969 and won another trip to Chicago in 1970 to the National 4-H Club Congress as the state beef project winner.

Chuck is a graduate of Virginia Tech, where he earned a bachelor's degree in animal science. In college he worked at the

university beef barn four years; was on the livestock judging team as a junior, assistant coach as a senior; member of Block & Bridle; and a charter member of the university's Alpha Gama Rho Fraternity chapter. He was the champion showman of the Little International as a junior and served as the show manager the following year. He was selected as the outstanding senior Block & Bridle club member.

On Jan. 1, 1975, he became a regional manager for the American Angus Association, serving the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. During his 39-year tenure he also covered Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware and Ohio. Some highlights of his career include being the National Western Bull Sale manager for 25 years, assisting with the early development of the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) program, overseeing six National Junior Angus Shows (NJAS) and three Eastern Regional junior shows, and managing the National Angus Tour in Kentucky.

He has worked Angus sales and events in 38 states and Canada. Chuck served as the regional manager representative to the American Angus Association Board of Directors for nine years. He participated in all of the long-range planning sessions conducted by the Board. He was the first Association staff advisor selected by the first National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), and in 2012 the National Junior Angus Show was dedicated to Chuck. He was inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation in 2004.

In the early 1980s, while still having Virginia as part of his territory, Chuck and Ruth moved back to the family farm to give their children the opportunity to be raised with an ag background and so he could work with his own Angus cattle. Jake and Rachel were involved in 4-H and junior Angus activities, and exhibited Angus heifers, steers and lambs at the county and state level.

Today the farm grazes 100 registered-Angus cows and plans to expand. Almost every female retained in the herd is AI-sired. All bulls are AI-sired and sold as yearlings, primarily to commercial cattlemen. All cattle are marketed private treaty. The cornerstones of the program are AHIR, AI and genomic testing.

Chuck and his family's entire livelihood has come from Angus cattle. He has a passion for the membership, the breed, the Association and genetic improvement. He is

uniquely qualified for a seat on the board. Chuck has a thorough knowledge of the Association and its subsidiaries, knows and has worked with Angus breeders nationwide, and manages and markets his own Angus cattle. He has respect for the heritage and tradition of the Angus breed and is looking forward to the future.

He would welcome any calls or questions regarding the past, present, but most importantly the future of our Association. You may contact him by phone at 816-390-6600 or by email at chuckgrove64@hotmail.com.

Philip Howell

The Indiana Angus Association Board of Directors unanimously supports 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 High School, where he lettered in both track and



Philip Howell

cross-country and ran with his team in the state cross-country meet in 1966.

He attended Purdue University and graduated as a doctor of veterinary medicine in 1973.

While at Purdue

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

After graduation, Phil worked in mixed animal practices in Cedar Grove, Wis., and 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, Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the Indiana Bovine Interest Group.

On Sept. 8, 1973, he married Judith Diane Siewert. Judy is a registered nurse (retired), and she is past president of the Indiana Angus Auxiliary. She currently serves as the Auxiliary representative to the Indiana Angus Association (IAA) board. Since retiring she

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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.

A medical technologist, Emily Howell Reynolds lives in Owensboro, Ky., and works as a clinical informatics specialist. She and husband David, an attorney, have two children.

Andy is an agriculture science teacher. He and his 8-year-old daughter, Allie, already an Angus showring veteran, live near Marengo, Ind. Andy is an auctioneer and active in many Angus organizations. He was president of the Southern Indiana Angus Association and on the IAA board.

Brian, their youngest son, is the 4-H and youth extension educator in Tipton County, Ind. He served on the National Junior Angus Board from 2001 to 2003. He won showmanship at the Atlantic National Eastern Regional Angus Show at Lebanon, Ohio, and was a finalist in the 2001 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Brian has been active in the Indiana Junior Angus Association and has served as its advisor. He and wife Jill, a musician and teacher, have three sons and live in Tipton, Ind.

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 Saint Vincent Randolph Hospital and the Randolph County Board of Health. He and Judy are members of Main Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Winchester, 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 has served as president of the Indiana Junior Angus Association (1969), IAA (2005), and the Southeastern Indiana Angus Association (2009). Since 2005, he has served on the IAA board and has been a voting delegate to the American Angus Association Annual Convention. In 2006 he was chairman of the Daily Volunteers Committee at the NJAS, and he served as the Veterinary Service Coordinator when the NJAS returned to Indianapolis in 2014.

Phil and Andy currently manage 50 cows, with the majority being registered-Angus and a few Maine-Anjou females. They have extensively used AI 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.

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

During his first term on the American Angus Association Board, Phil has served on the Board of Angus Productions Inc. (API) for one year. He has been on the Board of Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) for two years. He has served as chairman of the Data Force Subcommittee. He is vice chairman of the Industry Relations Committee.

If elected to a second term, he would pursue his original goal, which was the 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. He would encourage the work of the Angus Foundation in funding scholarships and education. He says the API mission of telling “the Angus story” to consumers and other ag producers must be allowed to grow.

Phil welcomes your questions. You may contact him by phone at 765-546-0838 or by email at dochowell765@aol.com.

Mike McCravy

The Georgia Angus Association unanimously endorses Mike McCravy of Bowdon, Ga., as a candidate for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Mike and his wife, Christy, established MM Cattle Co. with 40 cows and a dream in 1999. Today’s operation consists of 125 registered-Angus females along with a commercial cow herd situated in west-central Georgia.

In addition to the cow herd, Mike owns and operates a small custom hay business, while Christy works as an insurance agent with the Georgia Farm Bureau. The McCravys, along with a fellow area cattleman, host an annual bull and commercial replacement female sale in November each year and are founding members of the Bull Power Group, a successful multi-breed bull-development program and sale in its 11th year of existence.

In March 2016 MM Cattle Co. will host its sixth annual online heifer auction, a sale

widely recognized for offering competitive junior livestock projects to Angus youth throughout the southeast.

Mike has dedicated his life to the Angus breed and the beef cattle industry and, in 1980, became a life member of the American Angus Association. Raised on his family’s



Mike McCravy

farm, his passion for the Angus breed began early in life with the purchase of an Angus show heifer project, then continued through his junior career, and finally culminated with Mike assuming

management of his family’s cattle operation. His personal experience with the junior livestock programs fueled his desire to assist other 4-H and FFA students with their heifer projects, as well as several college students in developing their own herds while working part-time at MM Cattle Co.

Mike has provided solid leadership in his home state, serving as president, vice president and board member of the Georgia Angus Association, as well as being elected by fellow breeders as a voting delegate to the American Angus Association Annual Convention for many years. Mike has served as an advisor for the Georgia Junior Angus Association and was a committee co-chair for both the 1997 and 2009 National Junior Angus Shows hosted in Perry, Ga. In recognition of their contributions to the Angus breed, Mike and Christy were honored to receive the Member of the Year Award from the Georgia Angus Association in 2015.

Mike has contributed not only to the betterment of the Angus breed, but to that of the beef industry as a whole on a local, state and national level. As president of the Georgia Cattlemen’s Association in 2008, Mike served the organization and its 5,000-plus members in multiple leadership roles for several years. He has been co-chairman of the Georgia Beef Expo Angus sale and the Angus representative on the Georgia Beef Breeds Council for the past 15 years.

A charter member of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA), Mike is currently serving as an appointed member of the Resolutions Committee, as well as having served on other committees through the years. In 2004, Mike was chosen to represent Georgia on NCBA’s Young

Cattlemen's Conference, an intense nine-day leadership program that served as the model for the Association's Beef Leaders Institute. Active on the local level, Mike has leadership roles in several organizations, including the Carroll County Cattlemen's Association, Young Farmers groups, Farm Bureau, and in 2002 retired after 25 years with the Douglas County Fire Department.

Mike believes the primary role of the American Angus Association is to provide programs, services and technological tools essential to the long-term success of its membership and users of Angus genetics, thereby strengthening the breed's position as the dominant genetic supplier in the beef industry. Mike is committed to prioritizing the continued growth and development of all the Association's entities, protecting our valuable database and maintaining the integrity of the breed. He will continue to be a strong supporter and advocate of both the NJAA and Future Angus Stockmen programs as an effective means in developing young leaders and retaining them in the Angus breed and beef industry.

Mike's many years of service in leadership positions and his hands-on involvement in multiple organizations have given him valuable boardroom experience and a business perspective required to be a productive member of the Board. As one whose livelihood depends on Angus cattle, Mike has an independent, progressive and deep-seated passion for the breed and would very much appreciate your consideration and support as a candidate for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Mike welcomes your questions. You may contact him by phone at 770-328-2047 or by email at mmcattle@yahoo.com.

Greg McKean

The Pennsylvania and New York Angus associations unanimously endorse Greg McKean as candidate for the American Angus Association Board of Directors. Greg's strong commitment to the Angus breed spurred his candidacy. The breed has provided his sole livelihood for his adult life. It has supported him for 36 years and educated all three of his children. McKean says he has reached a time in his life when he must give back to the breed that has given him and his family so much.

McKean comes from a fifth-generation Pennsylvania Angus family. His maternal great-grandfather bought the first of the family's registered-Angus cattle in 1902. His

father, Bob McKean, and paternal grandfather, Sylvester McKean, owned a slaughterhouse and grocery store prior to the purchase of the family farm while Greg was in the seventh grade. While his father ran the store, Greg was in charge of the initial 150-acre farm and 20 pairs.

Greg expanded his knowledge of cattle and the Angus breed on the local and regional show circuit. His maternal grandfather, John Woods, taught him a great deal about the breed and showing. He took that knowledge to Pennsylvania State University in 1976.



Greg McKean

In 1977 Greg took an interest in a bull calf in Penn State's herd. He and Bob McKean purchased one-third interest and

breeding possession. PS Powerplay turned out to be the most influential bull of his time. From this experience Greg learned a great deal about the breed, marketing and business while forming many important relationships and learning from industry leaders such as Penn State, Glenkirk Farms, Butch Meier and Summitcrest Farms.

As a sophomore at Penn State, Greg won the Block & Bridle Little International. The following year he served as the event's vice manager. He managed the show his final year. He was a member of Penn State's livestock, meats and horse judging teams.

After graduating from Penn State in 1979 with a degree in animal production, Greg returned home to manage the family farm, which has since grown in influence and scale. He bred MB Rachel 2173, the dam of Whitestone Widespread MB, a foundation female for the McKean Bros. farm.

The farm played host to the first CAB Roundup. His father's store was one of the first retail stores to market and promote the CAB brand, due to Greg's brother, Kirke, being a CAB employee at the time. This past May, McKean Bros. hosted a CAB Roundup for Giant Eagle grocery stores. Ninety-five meat managers attended.

Greg started McKean Cattle Co. as a feeder-buying operation to give local cattlemen an opportunity to market animals on a live or carcass basis without the commission and turbulence of an auction barn. Through his time buying local feeders and feeding them to market in Kansas, Greg

realized the inability of local cattlemen to purchase quality genetics. This observation led to the first spring bull and female sale in 2004. During the early years of this sale, he would purchase at a premium all offspring of bulls he sold because of their greater success in the feedlot.

In 2006 Greg received the Seedstock Producer Award by the Pennsylvania Angus Association. In 2007 he won the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association Seedstock Breeder Award. He reduced his feeder involvement following his father's death in 2007 to focus on the cow herd.

He is a past chairman of the Pennsylvania Beef Council, a past president of the Pennsylvania Angus Association, a past president of the Stoneboro Fair for 10 years and a past 4-H leader. He recently retired from his local school board after 12 years.

He and Peggy, his wife of 26 years, have three children: Cody, 24; Marshall, 22; and Rachel, 19. Cody graduated from Penn State with a degree in architecture. He now lives in Erie, Pa., and works as an architect for WMF Inc. Marshall graduated from Westminster College this past spring with a degree in accounting and is employed by Deerfield Farms Inc., a local grain elevator. Rachel is a sophomore at Auburn University pursuing a business degree.

All three maintain an interest in the farm, help out when they can, and continue to manage their own genetics to raise quality bulls and heifers. Each was heavily involved in 4-H and competed at state, regional and national Angus shows. His children grew up working the farm and credit a great deal of their educational and real-world success to that upbringing.

Greg has experience in multiple facets of the Angus industry and, if elected, would be honored to serve as a director for the American Angus Association. It is his lifetime commitment to the Angus breed that encourages him to serve the entire membership. Greg thanks the delegates for their consideration and their commitment to the Angus breed.

Greg welcomes your questions. You may contact him by phone at 724-699-1966 or by email at greg@angus.us.

Don Schiefelbein

The Minnesota Angus Association unanimously and enthusiastically supports Don Schiefelbein as a candidate for the

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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 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.

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 "Gelbvieh Grid," which 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 indexes (the basis of which created \$B and \$G), and designed

an electronic cow-calf software 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, Schiefelbein Farms is home to more than 850 registered-Angus cows.

The family annually AIs 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 400 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 2015 annual sale was a record-breaking event and celebrated the family's 60th 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 was honored to be recognized as the 2012 CAB Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award winner.

Don is completing his first term on the American Angus Association Board of Directors. During his tenure, Don has served as a member of both the CAB Board and AGI Board. He currently presides as chairman of AGI and chairs the Association's Breed Improvement Committee. Don has also served on various task forces, including the task force that developed a new genetic condition policy for DD.

Don is a member of the Minnesota Angus Board of Directors and the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association. He has just completed co-chairing the Beef Industry's Long Range Planning Task Force. Don has been an invited guest participant in a number of breed associations' long-range planning processes.

He has been a featured speaker at many beef industry events, including the National Angus Conference, Beef Improvement Federation (BIF), Zoetis Cattlemen's College, Texas Beef Cattle Short Course, Canada's FarmSmart Program, Range Beef Cow Symposium, etc.

Don is blessed to have been married to wife Jennifer for 25 years and to have three beautiful, bright and talented daughters: Shelby, 19; Abbey, 16; and Bailee, 13.

"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.

Don welcomes your questions. You may contact him by phone at 303-324-5149 or by email at dschiefel@meltel.net.

Scott Shively

Scott Shively represents the third generation to raise Angus cattle on Oak Lane Farm at Pleasant Lake, N.D. His great-grandfather was an Angus breeder at Colombia, Ky., where his grandfather was born. Scott and his son manage slightly more than 100 registered-Angus and Red Angus together. The reds belong to Kyle, with some



Scott Shively

popular bloodlines from the blacks incorporated into the reds.

Scott's herd was founded in the early 1970s with seedstock from both the United States and Canada. The

linebred Shoshone/Wye-influenced portion of the herd represents 25 years of sires influenced by Shoshone Viking GD60 or Candolier Forever 376. Shoshone Viking has been used at different times since 1983, with his last calves born on the place in 2014.

The first Larry Leonhardt-bred bull was Shoshone Levi 2304, purchased in 1995.

"One of the greatest experiences in breeding Angus cattle has been the friendship and mentorship of Larry Leonhardt," states Scott. His deep appreciation for Larry's contribution to the Angus breed is shared with many of the breeders Scott calls his best friends. Larry passed away in 2014, but his Angus legacy lives on with the work of his family at

Cowley, Wyo., and with the many herds his genetics influenced.

The Earl Marshall Project is a breeding project focused on rebuilding some of the genetics from Western Canada. These genetics are primarily cattle that were popular in both North and South America in the 1960s and 1970s.

“It has been a joy to work with young breeders like Kenny and Rachael Lee of Fairview Ranch, Big Timber, Mont., and Ricky Hyland from Ramona, S.D., on this endeavor,” says Scott. Oak Lane Farm is a minority partner with Fairview in Eston of Lookout 83Z, a bull that may be as close in generations and as concentrated in the blood of Earl Marshall as any living Angus. The flush-mate sister to 83Z, Lookout Duchess 85Z, is owned by Scott and Rick Hyland.

During the 1980s and 1990s, Scott tested several bulls at the Midland Bull Test, placing in the top 10 for gain four times.

Passion for the Angus breed, as well as a fascination with breeders and the art of breeding have captivated Scott for more than 40 years. He believes the Association’s role is best fulfilled when it is kept simple: To serve the Angus breed and the breeders of Angus. The purity of the breed and ancestral pedigrees are as important in 2015 as they were in 1915.

“For me, often the greatest breeders and the best cattle come from herds of 100 head and smaller,” says Scott.

If you were to visit the Shively home you would be as likely to pick up a 1948 *Angus Journal* off of the coffee table as a current one. A large collection of Angus history is often enjoyed by visitors. Overnight guests typically have the lights on till all hours and wake up tired. You might get an argument out of some folk, but Scott believes his history is science when it comes to breeding livestock.

If elected, Scott says he will work for more transparency between the board and the membership.

“With an informed membership, a professional staff and a board accountable to the membership, the Angus breed and the American Angus Association are in a strong position to lead the beef industry.”

Scott welcomes your questions. You may contact him by phone at 701-721-3423 or by email at oaklnfarm@yahoo.com.

Ken Stielow

The Kansas Angus Association unanimously endorses Ken Stielow as a

candidate for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Ken was born and raised on his family’s ranch near Paradise, Kan., only a few miles from where George Grant brought the first Angus cattle to the United States.

After graduation from Kansas State University (K-State) with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in agricultural economics, Ken was employed by the K-State Extension Service for six years as a farm management specialist.

In 1975 Ken and his wife, Pat, returned to the family ranch (Bar S Ranch), where they raised their son, Chris, and daughter, Stephanie. Both are currently involved in the ranch. Stephanie and husband David



Ken Stielow

Dickerson are active in the management of Bar S Ranch. Their three sons — Grady, Ethan and Jayce — are active in the NJAA.

Bar S Ranch Inc. is currently composed of

approximately 12,000 acres, 800 cows, a small feedlot and a farming operation, selling approximately 200 bulls per year. All raised calves not sold as seedstock are fed and sold through Innovative Livestock Services, a multi-feedlot feeding company of which Ken is a minority owner.

Bar S Ranch received one of the first CAB Commitment to Excellence Awards in 1992.

Ken has been active locally, serving on the County Farm Bureau Board, serving seven years as chairman of the board of Agco Inc. (a regional ag cooperative), serving 40 years as treasurer of Paradise Township and holding leadership positions at Otterbein United Methodist Church.

Ken has served in several positions of leadership in the cattle industry, including president of the Kansas Livestock Association, member of the Kansas Beef Council Executive Committee, Executive Committee member of the National Cattlemen’s Association (NCA) and NCBA, and director of the Kansas Angus Association board. In 2002 Ken was selected to serve on the Cattlemen’s Beef Promotion and Research Board of which he was elected treasurer, vice chairman and, in 2007, chairman to oversee the National Beef Checkoff Program.

Ken served on the Executive Committee of

the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF), which oversees the promotion of U.S. beef in foreign countries, and is currently serving as a member of the Livestock and Meat Industry Council at K-State.

Ken says that one of his most enjoyable and educational experiences was serving more than 10 years as finance director on the CattleFax Board. During that period CattleFax went through extensive rebranding and financial growth.

For more than 30 years Ken has been an advisory director or director of Russell State Bank and UMB Bank.

Bar S Ranch, in the 1980s, was among the first to collect large amounts of actual carcass data that provided the foundation for the American Angus Association’s carcass EPDs. The late John Brethour (known as one of the founding fathers of beef carcass ultrasound) did some of his early work on beef breeding stock ultrasound at Bar S Ranch. Technologies such as ultrasound, AI, estrus synchronization, ET and DNA testing are all used extensively, along with continuously analyzing data.

With all of this information available, Ken says, “The eye, knowledge and experience of the cowman is still of the utmost importance. Especially in the purebred and commercial cow business, experience and common sense are the most valuable, and, in some cases, most expensive assets to have.”

When asked why he is a candidate for the American Angus Association Board, Ken says, “I have no ‘turf battles to fight’ or ‘windmills to tilt.’ I am only interested in the future of the Angus breed and, if possible, would like to make a positive contribution.”

Ken welcomes your questions. You may contact him by phone at 785-998-4386 or by email at barsranch1@hotmail.com.

Frank Taylor

My name is Frank Taylor, and I ask that you elect me to the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association. My wife and I have two children, ages 14 and 16, who are heavily involved in agriculture.

I have owned and operated my Iowa farms since 1970, and have owned and operated a registered-Angus operation of nearly 1,000 head in the Sandhills of Nebraska for many years. Since “a picture is worth a thousand words,” I encourage you to visit our website, www.svr-angus.com, to learn about Spring Valley Ranch and Cattle LLC and our views about the Angus breed.

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I have served on several boards of directors and have helped manage firms. I am the vice chairman of The Sanneh Foundation, which uses athletics to help guide disadvantaged youth to college. As an example, last year one girl missed more than 60 days of classes and earned only one credit during her freshman year. First semester this past year, she did not miss any classes and earned 15 credits. She attributed her success to the Foundation's mentors.

Through my experiences, I have learned the importance of strong, forthright and honest corporate governance. Associations, such as the American Angus Association, must meet the needs of all of their members and ensure that the voices of the small are heard as clearly



Frank Taylor

as the voices of the large and powerful. Indeed, people out of the mainstream often can make the most unique and greatest contributions.

The American Angus Association has done a phenomenal job promoting the Angus animal to consumers throughout the United States and the world. No other breed has proven to be as adaptable and marketable as the Angus.

We cannot, however, rest upon our laurels. We must continue to build upon our successes.

The challenges are many.

We face pressure from South America and other countries, public interest groups opposed to animal protein, competing sources of protein and competition from within the Association itself. We must work hard to meet these pressures and continue our success.

Let's use modern technology. We should measure our animals' adaptation to various environments. We need robust data to ensure we're meeting the needs of the ultimate consumer.

Above all, let's develop additional data points to measure important maternal characteristics that will enhance our current applications. After all, each of us strives to produce the optimum, foolproof mother cow. She is the lifeblood of our business.

The Association has done great things. Let's build upon our successes.

I welcome your questions. You may contact me by phone at 612-747-4400 or by email at ldorn@briggs.com.

Mick Varilek

The South Dakota Angus Association, the Black Hills Angus Association and the Southeast South Dakota Angus Association are proud to endorse Mick Varilek as a candidate for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Mick is a lifelong Angus breeder and rancher from southern South Dakota. In 1952 Mick's father, Elvern, hosted the first Varilek Angus Bull Sale, and this past February Mick and his family hosted Varilek's 63rd Annual Angus Bull Sale.

As a youth, Mick was very active in 4-H, FFA and junior Angus activities in both showing cattle and judging on the state and national level. While attending South Dakota State University (SDSU), he was involved with Block & Bridle, Alpha Gamma Rho, Rodeo club, and a very successful livestock judging team. Throughout the years, he has judged numerous county fairs, livestock shows, youth activities and the SDSU Little International. Mick met his wife, Lynn, while at SDSU and after graduation returned to the family ranch.

The ranch is on the Missouri River at Geddes, S.D. It currently consists of 3,000 acres of native pasture and 1,000 acres of grass hay, irrigated alfalfa and cropland. The ranch includes 500 registered-Angus females that have been selected through genomic tests since 2010. Mick and his family have always been committed to raising top-quality Angus cattle that are functional on the ranch with the help of AHIR, AI, ultrasound, ET and visual appraisal.

Mick and Lynn have raised three children. They are pleased to be joined on the ranch by their son Ross; his wife, Kelly; and their three children. Ross and Kelly are both SDSU graduates. Their son Scott, an SDSU graduate, and his wife, Laci, and their two children are in Sioux Center, Iowa. Scott is a broker for Kooima & Kaemingk Commodities, and Laci is a registered nurse at the Sioux Center Hospital. Their daughter, Kellee, a graduate of University of Sioux Falls (USF), is employed by Innovative Systems and lives in Stickney, S.D., with husband Matt and their two children.

Mick and his family have all been very active in the United Methodist Church their entire lives, and Mick has been board chairman for many years.

He has served as a director of the South Dakota Angus Association for many years and was president twice. He has been a delegate to the American Angus Association Annual Convention for several years. He was also one of the original board members for the South Central Cattlemen's Association.



Mick Varilek

He also served on the local school board and township board.

Mick's hobbies are also ranch-related, as he has been an active contestant for the past 25 years in the South Dakota Rodeo

Association, which he also served as a director. He competes on a national level in American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), United States Team Penning Association (USTPA), and the Ranch Sorting National Championships (RSNC) in team penning and ranch sorting.

His family has always had a great passion for Angus cattle as Angus has always been the backbone of his family and sole source of income. Their annual Angus bull sale is hosted in February. They will sell about 175 registered-Angus bulls and 30 registered females to commercial and seedstock producers. Varilek Angus has been host to many tours and international visitors and looks forward to helping improve Angus genetics.

Over the years, Mick's family has witnessed many changes in the cattle industry, with more to come. He feels we must stay proactive to meet the challenges ahead and be open-minded in our decisions. Mick has always stressed a good work ethic with his family and with his competitive nature. His philosophy is if you are going to do something, do it well.

If elected, Mick will bring a commonsense approach to the board with a good working relationship within the Association.

"I would be honored to serve the members and would appreciate your support for election to the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association."

Mick welcomes your questions. You may contact him by phone at 605-680-2555 or by email at varilekangus@midstatesd.net.



