

# Delegates Elect Officers, Directors

Five elected to serve as directors; Callahan takes reins as president.

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**D**elegates elected five members to the American Angus Association Board of Directors Monday, Nov. 14, at the 128th Annual Convention of Delegates in Louisville, Ky.

Directors elected to three-year terms include Chris Sankey, Council Grove, Kan.; Arlen Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.; Doug Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa; Darrell Silveira, Firebaugh, Calif.; and Jim Sitz, Dillon, Mont. Sankey will serve his first term on the Board; while Sawyer, Schroeder, Silveira and Sitz will each serve their second, three-year term.

Jarold Callahan, Edmond, Okla., was elected Association president and chairman of the Board. He succeeds Joe Hampton, Mount Ulla, N.C.

Phil Trowbridge, Ghent, N.Y., was chosen by delegates to serve as vice president and vice chairman of the Board. Gordon Stucky, Kingman, Kan., will serve as treasurer for the year.

More than 300 elected delegates from 43 states, Canada and the District of Columbia represented Association members and conducted the business of the Association during the annual convention and election. The meeting was at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show.

## Meet your officers

**Jarold Callahan** most recently served as vice president and vice chairman of the Board. He received an undergraduate degree from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College and a master's degree in agriculture from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He taught purebred beef production and livestock selection at Oklahoma State

University and served as executive vice president of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association before joining Express Ranches in 1996.

As Association president, Callahan will serve as chairman of the Executive Committee and will work closely with all directors to lead the Board during the next year.

Callahan succeeds Joe Hampton, who, with his wife, Robin, operates Back Creek, a cattle operation near Mount Ulla, N.C., focused on the production of Angus bulls for commercial cattlemen.

► **Left: Joe Hampton of Mount Ulla, N.C., encouraged members to look forward to the future as he presented his retirement address.**

**Phil Trowbridge**, who recently served as treasurer, received his animal science degree from Alfred State College prior to becoming herdsman at Gallagher's Angus Farm, where he continues to enhance Angus genetics with Trowbridge Angus. Trowbridge has served on numerous boards on the local and state level and organized the Columbia County Feeders 4-H Club.

**Gordon Stucky**, treasurer, received his bachelor's degree from Kansas State University (K-State) and established Stucky Ranch, a family-owned ranching operation near Kingman, Kan. He has served the Kansas Angus Association as district director, board member and president. He has also served numerous regional and state organizations, including the Extension Council, Farm Bureau and the Kansas Livestock Association.

## Meet your directors

**Chris Sankey** and his wife, Sharee, own



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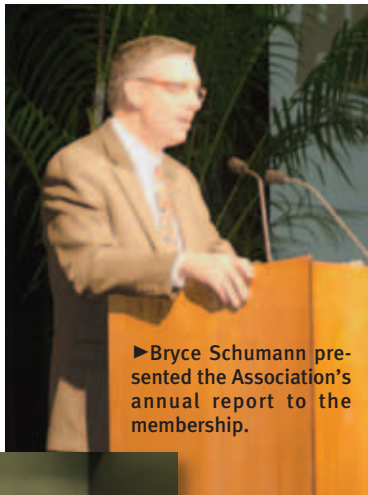
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and operate Sankey's 6N Ranch located in the Flint Hills near Council Grove, Kan. The Sankeys have two children, Cody and Jeana, who were actively involved in the Kansas Junior Angus Association (KJAA) and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

Following his graduation from Sterling High School, Chris attended K-State and received his bachelor's degree in animal science and business in 1978. Chris has been active in the Kansas Angus Association (KAA), serving on the KAA board and as president of the association in 1990. He has served on two National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) committees, a regional show committee and various association committees. He currently serves on the 2012 National Angus Conference & Tour committee. He has been a KJAA advisor for two terms.

**Arlen Sawyer** and his wife, Becky, are owners of A&B Cattle located south of Bassett in the north-central Sandhills of Nebraska and have two children, Jessica and Adam.

After graduating from South Dakota State University, Arlen accepted the position of manager of the 700-head registered cow herd at K Plus Angus Ranch.



► Bryce Schumann presented the Association's annual report to the membership.

From 1984 to 1990, Arlen and Becky purchased ranchland in Rock County, Neb., and expanded their own cow herd. They established A&B Cattle in fall 1990.

Through the years, Arlen has judged numerous regional and national livestock events and is a member of the Nebraska Angus Association, Nebraska Cattlemen and the Sandhills Cattle Association. He is a past president of the Nebraska Angus Association and the Area II Region of the Nebraska Cattlemen. He has served on the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic board of directors and on the Beef Advisory Council to the Black Hills Stock Show. He has served as advisor to the Nebraska Junior Angus Association.

**Doug Schroeder** grew up on a family farm near Clarence, Iowa, a small rural farming community. He received a degree in ag business from Kirkwood Community College.

Doug and his wife, Glenda, have three children — Jason, Drew and Lauren.

In 1989 they purchased the original Schroeder homestead. Today, the farm consists of 320 acres of owned and 500 acres of rented ground and 125 registered Angus cows.

Doug has been active in associations such as Cedar County Cattlemen's Association; Eastern Iowa Angus

Association, in which he was president for two years; and Iowa Angus Association, in which he was also president for two years.

Doug and Glenda have both been strong and active supporters of junior programs on the state and national level. They were Iowa Junior Angus Association advisors for 13 years and were honored as NJAA Advisors of the Year in 2006 at the NJAS in Indianapolis, Ind. They were chairpersons for the NJAS in 2000 and 2008.

**Darrell Silveira**, Firebaugh, Calif., has been rooted in the Angus community for more than 38 years. He graduated from Tranquility High School in Tranquility, Calif., and attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he studied agribusiness.

Together with his family — which includes his brother, Dudley, an accountant; and Rick Blanchard, operating manager — he owns and operates Silveira Bros., a diversified farming and seedstock operation.

Darrell has served on the board of

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directors of the California Angus Association and the Western States Angus Association. In 2007, he was inducted into the California Angus Hall of Fame. He has served as a delegate to the American Angus Association Annual Convention in Louisville, Ky., for more than two decades.

**Jim Sitz**, Dillon, Mont., graduated from Harrison High School and attended Brigham Young University–Rexburg in Idaho, majoring in business and agricultural management. While attending college, his father, Bob Sr., died from injuries in a tractor accident at the ranch. Jim completed college and returned to the ranch to work with his mother, Donna, and brother, Bob Jr., on a full-time basis in the management and operation of Sitz Angus Ranch.

Jim and his wife, Tammi, have four children: Amber, Ashley, Tyler and Tucker.

Jim has been and is very active in regional and state organizations. He has served on the board of directors and was president of the Montana Angus Association for two years. He has previously served as a member of the Montana Beef Council for the Montana Stockgrowers Association. The Sitz Angus operation is well-recognized throughout the state of Montana for its support of both the beef industry and agriculture in general.



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