

Members Install Leadership

Delegates elect directors, officers and conduct business of the Association at annual convention. Board members conduct business.

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Three hundred forty-five delegates were on hand Nov. 16 to conduct the business of the American Angus Association® at its 126th Annual Convention, which took place in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

Delegates elected five directors, a vice president and president to its governing Board and approved an amendment to the Bylaws permitting reinstatement of a Life Membership option, which will become available in January 2010. A life membership in the American Angus Association will cost \$1,500.

Association officers

Bill Davis, Sidney, Mont., was elected the American Angus Association president and chairman of the board. He succeeds Jay King, Rock Falls, Ill.

Davis recently completed his term as vice president and vice chairman of the Board. He and his wife, Jennifer, operate Rollin' Rock Angus near Sidney.

Davis has a bachelor's degree in ag business from Montana State University and is a past director of the Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana Angus Association, as well as past director and president of the Montana Beef Performance Association.

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

Joe Hampton, Mount Ulla, N.C., was elected vice president and vice chairman of the Board. He most recently served as treasurer.

Hampton and his wife, Robin, operate Back Creek, a cattle operation near Mount Ulla focused on the production of Angus bulls for commercial cattlemen. Hampton received his bachelor's degree from North Carolina State University and has been involved with agricultural research for more than 25 years. He has served as president of the North Carolina Angus Association and as board director for the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association.

As vice president and vice chairman, Hampton will serve on the Executive, Breed Improvement, Finance & Planning, and Information & Data

Management committees. He will also serve as chairman of the Research Priorities Committee and Angus Productions Inc. (API) Board, and as a member of the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Board.

Elected by the Board at its September meeting, Jarold Callahan, Edmond, Okla., will complete the officer team, serving as treasurer for the year.

Elected directors

Newly elected Directors include Charlie Boyd II, Mays Lick, Ky.; Scott Foster, Niles, Mich.; and Vaughn Meyer, Reva, S.D. Elected to a second term were Steve Olson, Hereford, Texas; and Cathy Watkins, Middletown, Ind.

Charlie Boyd II is a fourth-generation cattleman from a family that began its involvement in the cattle industry in 1893. Today, Boyd Beef Cattle of Mays Lick encompasses both an Angus and a Hereford program.

Boyd earned his ag economics degree from the University of Kentucky, where he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, an agriculture senator, the ag student body president, and a member of the livestock judging team.

He has been involved in many cattlemen's organizations, and has served as president of the Kentucky Angus Association as well as a co-chair for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

As a Board director, Boyd will serve on the Association's Activities and Industry



►**Above:** Newly elected officers of the American Angus Association are (from left) Jarold Callahan, Edmond, Okla., treasurer; Bill Davis, Sidney, Mont., president and chairman of the Board; and Joe Hampton, Mount Ulla, N.C., vice president and vice chairman of the Board.

►**Right:** Newly elected directors of the American Angus Association are (seated, from left) Vaughn Meyer, Reva, S.D.; Cathy Watkins, Middletown, Ind.; Steve Olson, Hereford, Texas; (standing, from left) Scott Foster, Niles, Mich.; and Charlie Boyd II, Mays Lick, Ky.





Relations committees as well as the Angus Foundation Board.

Scott Foster grew up on a family farm in Niles, Mich., where he was active in FFA, serving as state president. He earned a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from Michigan State University, where he participated in the Block and Bridle Club and was the Ag Senate representative. He was also a member of the National Champion Livestock Judging team at the NAILE, where he was named high individual overall.

Upon graduation, Foster worked for Premier Beef in Howell, Mich. Today, he farms with his brother Bruce and their parents at Seldom Rest Farms in southwestern Michigan.

As an Association Board director, Foster will serve on the Activities and Industry Relations committees as well as the Angus Foundation Board.

Vaughn Meyer and his family manage Sodak Angus Ranch in northwest South Dakota. In his youth Meyer participated in 4-H and FFA. He received a bachelor of science degree in animal science production from South Dakota State University, where

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► Tracey Erickson (left), CAB vice president of marketing, is interviewed during the NAILE by Al Pell of AgDay Television and U.S. Farm Report. A series of AgDay broadcasts following the event featured Angus coverage, including interviews with Angus staff and others, showcasing the value of the breed and *Certified Angus Beef*®

Board Action

The following is a review of the topics discussed and actions taken during the meetings of the American Angus Association Board of Directors Nov. 14 and 17, 2009, in Louisville, Ky.

- The 2009 annual reports of the American Angus Association and the Angus Foundation were presented to the Board.
 - With respect to fawn calf syndrome, the Board of Directors agreed Saturday, Nov. 14, to follow a policy similar to the one currently in effect for AM and NH, subject to ongoing scientific analysis.
 - Program-compliant tags for AngusSource® and Gateway are now manufactured by Destron Fearing. Along with a radio frequency identification (RFID)-only tag option, producers now have the opportunity to custom-print on the back of their visual program tags.
 - The American Angus Discretionary Defined Contribution Plan was amended to comply with changes in federal tax law.
 - Committees were appointed and entity boards were elected for 2010. Those committees and Boards are listed below.
- The next Board Meeting will be Feb. 17-19, 2010, in Saint Joseph, Mo.

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2010 American Angus Association Committees and Boards

Editor's note: The following assignments were made at the American Angus Association Board of Directors meeting Nov. 17.

COMMITTEES

Executive — Bill Davis, chairman; Joe Hampton, vice chairman; Jarold Callahan; Norman Garton; and Phil Trowbridge

Breed Improvement — Gordon Stucky, chairman; Jim Sitz, vice chairman; Jarold Callahan; Joe Hampton; Steve Olson; Arlen Sawyer; Phil Trowbridge; and Cathy Watkins

Activities — Phil Trowbridge, chairman; Doug Schroeder, vice chairman; Charlie Boyd; Jarold Callahan; Scott Foster; Steve Olson; Arlen Sawyer; and Darrell Silveira

Information & Data Management — Cathy Watkins, chairwoman; Jim Rentz, vice chairman; Norman Garton; Joe Hampton; Chad Hoffman; Vaughn Meyer; Jim Sitz; and Gordon Stucky

Finance & Planning — Jarold Callahan, chairman, Association treasurer; Norman Garton, vice chairman; Joe Hampton; Vaughn Meyer; Darrell Silveira; Gordon Stucky; Phil Trowbridge; and Cathy Watkins

Industry Relations — Steve Olson, chairman; Chad Hoffman, vice chairman; Charlie Boyd; Scott Foster; Jim Rentz; Arlen Sawyer; Doug Schroeder; and Jim Sitz

Research Priorities — Joe Hampton, chairman, Association vice president; Jarold Callahan, Association treasurer; Gordon Stucky, AGI chairman; CAB chairperson (to be determined); Phil Trowbridge, Angus Foundation chairman; Bill Bowman, director of performance programs; Sally Northcutt, director of genetic research; and Larry Corah, CAB staff representative. Ex-officio members include: Bryce Schumann, Association CEO; Rich Wilson, Association CFO; and

Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Chaplain — Steve Olson

Parliamentarian — Paul Donnelly

NCBA Representative — Norman Garton

NCBA Committee Appointments

► **Beef Production Research** — Phil Trowbridge

► **Product Enhancement** — Joe Hampton

► **International Markets** — Chad Hoffman

ENTITY BOARDS

Certified Angus Beef LLC — (Officers to be elected at December meeting) — Jarold Callahan; Norman Garton; Joe Hampton; Steve Olson; Arlen Sawyer; Bryce Schumann; Jim Sitz; John Stika, CAB President; and Robert Norton, industry representative

Angus Productions Inc. — Joe Hampton, chairman; Bryce Schumann, vice chairman; Terry Cotton, president; Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer; Chad Hoffman; Jim Rentz; Darrell Silveira; Gordon Stucky; Phil Trowbridge; and Cathy Watkins

Angus Foundation — Phil Trowbridge, chairman; Bryce Schumann, vice chairman; Milford Jenkins, president; Richard Wilson, secretary; Charlie Boyd; Scott Foster; Jim Rentz; Doug Schroeder; Darrell Silveira; and Robert Norton, outside representative

Angus Genetics Inc. — Gordon Stucky, chairman; Bryce Schumann, vice chairman; Bill Bowman, president; Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer; Jarold Callahan; Vaughn Meyer; Steve Olson; Arlen Sawyer; Jim Sitz; and Doug Parrett, industry representative



► Association CEO Bryce Schumann delivered the Association's year-end report to members during the annual meeting.

he was active in Block and Bridle and Army ROTC. After serving in the Army, Meyer returned to Sodak.

He has been active in the Black Hills Angus Association, the Perkins County Livestock Improvement Association, the Perkins County Farmer's Union, the South Dakota Beef Industry Council and the South Dakota Stock Growers Association.

As an Association Board director, Meyer will serve on the Information & Data and Finance & Planning committees as well as the Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) Board.

Steve Olson grew up south of Hereford, Texas. He was active in 4-H, showing and livestock judging in his youth. He received a bachelor's degree in animal science from Texas A&M University, where he was active in the Saddle & Sirloin Club and meat evaluation and livestock judging teams. He received the Distinguished Honor Award from the College of Agriculture.

After graduation, Olson returned to Hereford to begin a diversified agriculture operation.

He has been active in the Texas Angus Association, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, National Cattlemen's Beef

Association (NCBA) and Greater West Texas Angus Association.

Olson now begins his second term on the Association Board of Directors and will serve on the Breed Improvement, Industry Relations and Activities committees. He will also serve on the boards of CAB and AGI. Olson will serve as Board chaplain.

Cathy Watkins graduated with high honors from Michigan State University with a degree in animal science. While there, she was a member of the meat judging team and the livestock judging team. Following graduation she moved to Beaver Ridge Farm located in east central Indiana. Off the farm, Watkins worked for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for 33 years, retiring in 2007.

She served as secretary for the Indiana Angus Association for 10 years and strongly supports junior Angus programs. She also oversees the Crystal Awards given at the NJAS.

Watkins now begins her second term on the Association Board of Directors and will serve on the Breed Improvement, Information & Data Management, and Finance & Planning committees. She will also serve on the API Board.

