

Join Us in Louisville

Delegates will conduct business at 126th Annual Meeting.

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American Angus Association members will gather in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 14-17 for events surrounding the 126th Annual Convention of Delegates. The gathering features Angus-focused festivities for Association members in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

Attendees are encouraged to take in the Angus events occurring at the Crowne Plaza hotel (formerly known as the Executive West) and the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC). Both venues will serve as primary gathering spots for Angus activities and events throughout the four days. Detailed schedules of activities and event signage will be posted at the Crown Plaza and KFEC.

Accommodations. The Crowne Plaza will serve as lodging headquarters. This year, the Association has arranged for “Angus” room blocks at Springhill Suites and the Hampton Inn as well. Both hotels are within walking distance to the Crowne Plaza and KFEC. Rooms can be reserved for a rate of \$109 per night, plus tax. To reserve a room at Springhill Suites, call 502-361-9009; ask for the “Angus” block. To reserve a room at Hampton Inn, call 502-366-8100; ask for code, NAL.

Event registration. Registration for convention attendees begins Saturday, Nov. 14. The registration desk will be open daily, Saturday through Monday morning, in the Crowne Plaza lobby. Saturday, the desk opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. Registration will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, and from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday. Delegate and Angus guest name badges, show passes and banquet tickets will be available to pick up and purchase at the Association’s registration desk.

New this year

▶ The Auxiliary will host a President’s Reception Sunday afternoon in the president’s suite from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. All Auxiliary members and those interested in learning more about the Auxiliary are invited to attend.

▶ The Roll of Victory (ROV) show will feature a three-man judging panel.

▶ Three ROV awards — Breeder of the Year, Show Bull and Show Heifer of the year

— will be presented at the Annual Banquet Monday evening.

▶ Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) co-founder Mick Colvin will be inducted Sunday evening into the Saddle & Sirloin Club Portrait Gallery.

Events and Activities

Saturday, Nov. 14. Angus events begin Saturday morning with cattle check-in. The American Angus Association Board will convene at 1 p.m. in the Crowne Plaza for the first of two meetings conducted in Louisville.

Saturday afternoon, the American Angus Auxiliary will conduct its Executive Board Meeting, beginning at 2 o’clock, and its Annual Membership Meeting, beginning at 3 o’clock. Both meetings will be at the Crowne Plaza. Attend the Auxiliary’s annual membership meeting to learn more about the Auxiliary and its mission to offer individuals interested in the welfare of the Angus breed the opportunity to work together to provide educational, promotional and social programs and activities.

Angus enthusiasts are also encouraged to visit the Holiday Room, which features Angus-themed wearables, gifts and other unique items for sale by the Angus Foundation and Angus Sale Barn. Located at the Crowne Plaza, the Holiday Room opens Saturday at 1 p.m. It will open and close daily through Monday.

Saturday evening, the Angus Foundation will host a supporter recognition event at the Crowne Plaza. The invitation-only event recognizes supporters who have donated \$250 or more to the Foundation during the 2009 fiscal year.

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board will meet at 8 p.m. for its annual gathering in Louisville.

Sunday, Nov. 15. The junior heifer show kicks off Sunday morning at 8 o’clock in KFEC’s Freedom Hall. Check at the Association’s registration desk or with show personnel for the breed show order.

Sunday morning also features the American Angus Auxiliary’s annual breakfast, beginning at 8 o’clock in the Crowne Plaza. Tickets are \$15. Reservations can be made by contacting Sandra McCurry

at sandramccurry3@aim.com or at 316-304-5973 or 316-667-2418. Reservations for this event are requested but not required. You may also purchase tickets at the Auxiliary Annual Meeting or at the door the morning of the breakfast.

Beginning at 9 a.m., all Angus enthusiasts are encouraged to head to the Angus Education Center. Hosted by the Association and its entities, the center features seminars and presentations on current Angus and beef industry topics. It is located on the upper level of KFEC South Wing C, room 201.

The Angus Foundation Leadership Cabinet is scheduled to meet at 10:30 a.m. in South Wing C Board Room. Additional events occurring Sunday in South Wing C include an informational session and the annual candidate forum and open meeting. Beginning at 1 p.m., voting delegates and Association members will have the opportunity to hear from each Board candidate.

Attendees looking to learn more about the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) program may attend a workshop for new AIMS users. The workshop is tentatively scheduled from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza.

The Saddle and Sirloin Club Portrait induction for CAB co-founder Mick Colvin is Sunday evening in the South Wing C. The reception starts at 6 o’clock, with a banquet following at 7 o’clock. A limited number of tickets will be available at the registration desk. To order advance tickets, call 1-800-225-2333.

Several receptions will take place Sunday afternoon and evening at the Crowne Plaza.

Those interested in learning more about the Auxiliary can attend the President’s Reception from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the suite of Auxiliary President Michelle Rieff. Immediately following the reception, the public is invited to watch the five Miss American Angus contestants present their prepared speeches and answer impromptu questions.

A reception for past Board Directors will occur from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Crowne Plaza. Alumni of the Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) will also gather for a reception at the Crowne Plaza from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The annual Angus reception from 6 p.m. to 8

p.m. in rooms B and C of the Crowne Plaza concludes Sunday's activities.

Monday, Nov. 16. The Angus show continues Monday morning at 8 a.m. with Super-Point ROV cow-calf and bull classes in KFEC's Freedom Hall. At the conclusion of the bull show, the American Angus Auxiliary will crown Miss American Angus.

From 9 a.m. to noon you can learn more about current Angus and beef industry topics that affect your operation. Stop by the Angus Education Center, Room 201, on the upper level of the KFEC South Wing C.

Monday afternoon, delegates will convene

to elect officers and five new directors to serve on the American Angus Association Board. President Jay King, Rock Falls, Ill., will preside over the 126th Annual Convention of Delegates. The meeting begins promptly at 1:30 p.m. in rooms 201-204 of KFEC South Wing C.

Monday events conclude with a social hour and banquet at the Crowne Plaza. The social begins at 6 p.m., and the annual Angus awards banquet featuring *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) product, begins at 7 p.m. During the banquet, Angus Heritage Foundation inductees will be honored, as will the National Junior Angus Association

(NJAA) Outstanding Leadership Award recipient and the 2009 ROV award winners.

Tuesday, Nov. 17. Angus activities conclude Tuesday following the judging of open Angus female classes.

Angus enthusiasts who are not able to attend the annual convention in Louisville can remain informed by visiting www.angus.org for annual meeting coverage during and after the event.

