



# Up Front

► by **John Crouch**, executive vice president

## Getting down to business

Part 1, Article III, Section 3.4 of the American Angus Association Bylaws states ...

*“The Roll of Delegates and Alternates who shall act at the Convention of Delegates shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates elected from districts in the manner provided by these Bylaws. Each state and each territory of the United States, and Canada (without regard to its territories and provinces), shall constitute a district.”*

### The specifics

Section 3.5 further specifies ...

*“The number of delegates and alternate delegates to which each district is entitled shall be determined by the lists of Active Life Members and Active Regular Members recorded in the office of the Association on April 30 of each year, and the number of registrations processed for each district during the prior fiscal year.*

*“Each district shall be entitled to one delegate and one (1) alternate delegate. In addition, each district shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate and one (1) additional alternate delegate for every one hundred (100) Active Life Members or Active Regular Members (rounded up or down to the nearest whole delegate number), residing in such district. Furthermore, each district shall be*

*entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate delegate for each three thousand (3,000) registrations processed from such district during the Association’s prior fiscal year.*

*“Notwithstanding the foregoing, each district having (i) more than twenty-five (25) Active Life Members or Active Regular Members but not more than one hundred fifty (150) Active Life Members or Active Regular Members, and (ii) less than three thousand (3,000) registrations processed from such district during the Association’s prior fiscal year, shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate and one (1) additional alternate delegate.”*

### The election process

Life members are considered active if they

engaged in the registration of purebred Angus cattle within the last three years. Regular members are considered active if they have joined the Association in one of the last two fiscal years or have paid annual dues in the current fiscal year.

During the last week of March the Association mails to each active life and regular member a nomination form to be completed, signed and returned to the executive vice president on or before June 30 — no exceptions. Active members nominated are eligible for their names to be placed on the ballot. Please note that self-nominations are perfectly acceptable.

The executive vice president then prepares a ballot for each state, setting forth the date of the Annual Convention of Delegates, the name of the state, the number of delegates to be chosen from the state and the names of all of the qualified nominees for the state, listed in the order of their nomination. The ballots must be delivered to all active life and regular members at least 120 days prior to the Annual Convention, properly executed and returned to the executive vice president at

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**REGIONAL MANAGERS**—Refer to page 456.

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least 90 days prior to the Annual Convention. Improperly executed ballots are declared null and void.

In 2006, 25,378 nomination forms were mailed to eligible Association members followed by a like number of ballots. As reported at the Annual Convention, 4,580 ballots were returned by the prescribed deadline, of which 4,471 were eligible to be counted. A total of 109 ballots were either unsigned or improperly executed.

From this process, 389 delegates were elected, and 361 were actually seated at the Annual Meeting.

These ladies and gentlemen are responsible for conducting business at the Annual Convention in November and electing the officers and directors who will set policy for your Association in the future.

### **Get involved**

The time is at hand for the beginning of the electoral process for 2007. Your vote is important. So when the nomination form arrives, don't place it in a cubbyhole and forget it. Fill it out and return it to the

executive vice president. This democratic process has worked for 123 years. Let's make it even better. Your Association needs you. Don't forget to vote.

Details of the entire election process can be found in the Association's *Breeder's Reference Guide* distributed with the March *Angus Journal* and available upon request at (816) 383-5100.

  
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