# AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION® Highlights of the Meetings of the Board of Directors November 3 and 6, 2017

The following is a review of the topics discussed and actions taken during the meetings of the Board of Directors held November 3 and 6, 2017, in Fort Worth, Texas.

- Julie Murnin, President of the American Angus Auxiliary, provided an overview of the Auxiliary's activities of the past year.
- The 2017 annual audit reports of the financial statements of the American Angus Association and the Angus Foundation (Foundation) were presented to the Board.
- Jonathan Perry moved, seconded by James S. Coffey, to amend the draft of the Association September 11-13, 2017, regular Board meeting minutes to include this statement: "This budget does not include any cash outlay that may be needed to implement strategies within the Long Range Strategic Plan." The motion was unanimously approved.
- John F. Grimes moved, seconded by Alan Miller, to approve the minutes of the September 11-13, 2017, regular Board meeting as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Jonathan Perry moved, seconded by James W. Henderson, to name the boardroom at the Association headquarters after Richard E. Wilson, recently-retired Chief Financial Officer, in honor of his forty-eight years of dedicated and exemplary service. The motion was unanimously approved. The announcement of the "Richard E. Wilson Boardroom" will be made at the opening session of the Angus Convention, and a plaque will be presented to Mr. Wilson.
- The Board considered a request by Association member and delegate Andrew Stewart to change wording of the *Procedures to Govern the Election of Five Members to the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association* to more clearly state how the majority vote is determined. The procedures had been approved by the Association Board of Directors at the September regular Board meeting. James S. Coffey moved, seconded by Barry Pollard, to change the wording of the procedures as proposed. The motion was unanimously approved. The change in the procedure will be explained to the delegates on Monday prior to any electronic voting during the Annual Convention of Delegates.
- The Board considered correspondence received from Association member and delegate Duane Morley Cox regarding questions about recent changes in calculating birth weight expected progeny differences (EPDs). Staff presented information related to the questions posed in the letter. No action was taken. Dr. Dan Moser, President of Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI), will contact Mr. Cox to discuss his concerns.
- Dr. Moser presented additional information to the Board regarding birth weight and weaning weight EPDs. Examples of changes in weaning weight EPDs when birth weight data is added were presented. Change in growth trait EPDs resulting from birth weight data submission is minimal.
- As previously requested by the Board, Dr. Stephen Miller, Director of Genetic Research, presented the top five potential research topics that have been identified by staff. Following thorough discussion, Don Schiefelbein moved, seconded by David A. Dal Porto, that staff develop a proposal for an internship program for data collection on foot structure by January 1, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Following additional discussion on foot structure, Barry Pollard moved, seconded by Richard M. Dyar, to direct staff to bring to the Board a refined disposal code system which includes a better definition of foot structure. The motion was unanimously approved.
- The Board next discussed the current \$Value indexes. Jerry Connealy moved, seconded by Dave Nichols, to direct staff to move ahead with improving the current \$Value indexes and to bring cost considerations to the Board before the February regular Board meeting. This does not include development of a Total index. Motion passed by a vote of fourteen (14) in favor and two (2) opposed.
- At the request of Director Jerry Connealy, the Board discussed whole herd reporting. Staff
  was directed to gather information on the subject, which will be included as an agenda item at
  the February 2018 Board of Directors regular meeting.
- Discussion was held regarding the proposed building expansion. Staff presented various options explored over the past two months and noted that the project has been deemphasized moving forward due to other higher priorities within the Long Range Strategic Plan.
- Staff reported on Angus Convention statistics, including more than 2,300 registrations and 474 exhibitors. Main events of the convention schedule were reviewed. A session has been added on Saturday afternoon for members and attendees to meet with Board and staff in a casual setting. The session will be announced at the Angus Convention opening session on Saturday morning.
- The Board reviewed correspondence received from Association member Nick Nesson.
  Confidentiality matters and fiduciary responsibilities of Board members were discussed. The
  Board also discussed Board policies concerning reporting and release of minutes of Board
  meetings, as well as current fees for services. The Board will include a discussion of
  transparency on the agenda of the February regular Board meeting.
- Don Schiefelbein moved, seconded by Jerry Connealy, to approve the proposed budget of the Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) Feeder Calf Program. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Pursuant to the Association's bylaws, James S. Coffey moved, seconded by Jonathan Perry, to elect Allen Moczygemba as Chief Executive Officer and Kenny Miller as Assistant Secretary for 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.
- The 2018 Annual Convention of Delegates will be held November 5, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio.
- James S. Coffey moved, seconded by James W. Henderson, to approve the 2017-2018 meeting dates as proposed. The motion was unanimously approved.

November 28-30 Association Board Planning Session, Amarillo, Texas
December 4-6 Certified Angus Beef LLC Board Meeting, Wooster, Ohio
February 20-22 Association Board Meeting, St. Joseph, Missouri
Association Board Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina
September 11-13 Association Board Meeting, St. Joseph, Missouri
November 2 Association Board Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
November 5 Association Board Meeting, Columbus, Ohio

- Election of the Board of Directors and Officers of the Angus Foundation
  - Dave Nichols moved, seconded by James S. Coffey, to elect the Board of Directors of the Angus Foundation for 2018 as proposed. The motion passed unanimously. Lamar Steiger was previously elected in September 2017 to serve a one-year term as an Outside Representative, effective November 6, 2017.
  - Dave Hinman nominated James S. Coffey to serve as Chair of the Foundation Board for 2018. The nomination was seconded by Richard M. Dyar. The nomination was approved unanimously.
  - Barry Pollard moved, seconded by Alan Miller, to elect additional officers for 2018 as shown below. The motion passed unanimously.

# **Angus Foundation 2018 Board of Directors**

James S. Coffey, Chair
Allen Moczygemba, Vice Chair
Milford H. Jenkins, President
Kenny Miller, Secretary
Richard M. Dyar
Dave Hinman
Alan Miller
Dave Nichols
Barry Pollard
Lamar Steiger, Outside Representative

- Election of the Board of Directors and Officers of Angus Genetics Inc.
  - Don Schiefelbein moved, seconded by David A. Dal Porto, to elect the Board of Directors of Angus Genetics Inc. for 2018 as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Mick Varilek nominated Jerry Connealy to serve as Chair of the 2018 AGI Board. The nomination was seconded by Alan Miller. The election of Connealy was declared unanimous.
  - Mick Varilek moved, seconded by Alan Miller, to elect additional officers for 2018 as shown below. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Angus Genetics Inc. 2018 Board of Directors**

Jerry Connealy, Chair
Allen Moczygemba, Vice Chair
Dan Moser, President
Kenny Miller, Secretary Treasurer
David A. Dal Porto
John F. Grimes
James W. Henderson
Alan Miller
Dave Nichols
Mick Varilek

- Election of the Board of Directors and Officers of Angus Productions Inc.
  - Don Schiefelbein moved, seconded by David A. Dal Porto, to elect the Board of Directors of Angus Productions Inc. (API) for 2018 as proposed. The motion passed unanimously. Mitch Rouda was previously elected in September 2016 to serve a two-year term as an Industry Representative, effective November 7, 2016.

- Barry Pollard nominated John Pfeiffer Jr. to serve as Chair of the 2018 API Board. The nomination was seconded by Mike McCravy. The nomination was approved by acclamation.
- Barry Pollard moved, seconded by Chuck Grove, to elect additional officers for 2018 as shown below. The motion passed unanimously.

# **Angus Productions Inc. 2018 Board of Directors**

John Pfeiffer Jr., Chair
Allen Moczygemba, Vice Chair
Rick Cozzitorto, President
Kenny Miller, Secretary Treasurer
James S. Coffey
Richard M. Dyar
Chuck Grove
Mike McCravy
Barry Pollard
Mitch Rouda, Industry Representative

- Election of the Board of Directors and Officers of Certified Angus Beef LLC
  - John Pfeiffer Jr. moved, seconded by Barry Pollard, to elect the Board of Directors of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) for 2018 as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.
     Dwight "Kip" Palmer was previously elected in September 2015 to serve a three-year term as an Industry Representative, effective November 5, 2015.
  - Jerry Connealy nominated David A. Dal Porto to serve as Chair of the 2018 CAB Board.
     The nomination was seconded by Mick Varilek.
  - Jonathan Perry moved, seconded by Mick Varilek, to elect David A. Dal Porto as Chair of the CAB Board by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Mick Varilek moved, seconded by Jonathan Perry, to elect additional officers for 2018 as shown below. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Certified Angus Beef LLC 2018 Board of Directors**

David A. Dal Porto, Chair
Allen Moczygemba, Vice Chair
John Stika, President
Brent Eichar, Secretary Treasurer
Jerry Connealy
John F. Grimes
James W. Henderson
Jonathan Perry
Mick Varilek
Dwight "Kip" Palmer, Industry Representative

 Don Schiefelbein moved, seconded by David A. Dal Porto, to approve the 2018 standing committees and appointments as shown below. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Executive Committee**

Kevin Yon, Chair John Pfeiffer Jr., Vice Chair Don Schiefelbein, Treasurer Jerry Connealy David A. Dal Porto John F. Grimes James W. Henderson

Ex Officio

Allen Moczygemba, CEO

# **Finance and Planning Committee**

Don Schiefelbein, Chair

Barry Pollard, Vice Chair

James S. Coffey

Jerry Connealy

David A. Dal Porto

Richard M. Dyar

Chuck Grove

Mike McCravy

**Dave Nichols** 

## **Breed Improvement Committee**

John F. Grimes, Chair

James W. Henderson, Vice Chair

Jerry Connealy

**Chuck Grove** 

Dave Hinman

**Dave Nichols** 

Jonathan Perry

Don Schiefelbein

Mick Varilek

#### **Activities Committee**

Chuck Grove, Chair

John F. Grimes, Vice Chair

David A. Dal Porto

Mike McCravy

Alan Miller

Jonathan Perry

#### **Industry Relations Committee**

James S. Coffey, Chair

Mick Varilek, Vice Chair

Richard M. Dyar

James W. Henderson

Dave Hinman

Alan Miller

#### **Member and Affiliate Services Committee**

Mike McCravy, Chair

Chuck Grove, Vice Chair

Richard M. Dyar

Dave Hinman

**Dave Nichols** 

John Pfeiffer Jr.

## **Research Priorities Committee**

John Pfeiffer Jr., Chair, Association Vice President

Don Schiefelbein, Association Treasurer

Jerry Connealy, AGI Chair

David A. Dal Porto, CAB Chair

James S. Coffey, Angus Foundation Chair Dan Moser, AGI President Stephen Miller, AGI Director Genetic Research Justin Sexten, CAB Staff Representative *Ex Officio* Allen Moczygemba, Association CEO Kenny Miller, Association CFO Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation President Dr. Joe Cassady, Industry Member Dr. Larry Kuehn, Industry Member

# National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Appointments

NCBA Board Representative
Ag and Food Policy Committee
Cattle Health and Well-Being Committee
Live Cattle Marketing Committee
International Trade Committee

Don Schiefelbein
David A. Dal Porto
Mike McCravy
James W. Henderson
John Pfeiffer Jr.

Chaplain – John Pfeiffer Jr.

Parliamentarian - Sean Colligan, Stinson Leonard Street LLP

# Outside and Industry Representative Selection Committees Angus Foundation

Kevin Yon, Association President John Pfeiffer Jr., Association Vice President James S. Coffey, Angus Foundation Chair Allen Moczygemba, Association CEO, Ex-Officio

# Angus Genetics

Kevin Yon, Association President John Pfeiffer Jr., Association Vice President Jerry Connealy, AGI Chair Allen Moczygemba, Association CEO, Ex-Officio

# **Angus Productions**

Kevin Yon, Association President John Pfeiffer Jr., Association Vice President and API Chair Allen Moczygemba, Association CEO, Ex-Officio

#### Certified Angus Beef

Kevin Yon, Association President John Pfeiffer Jr., Association Vice President David A. Dal Porto, CAB Chair Allen Moczygemba, Association CEO, Ex-Officio

 John Pfeiffer Jr. moved, seconded by Jerry Connealy, to re-appoint the Special Building Committee for 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Special Building Committee**

Chuck Grove, Chair James S. Coffey John Pfeiffer Jr. Don Schiefelbein Allen Moczygemba • John F. Grimes moved, seconded by Chuck Grove, to appoint a Special Feeder Calf Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

# **Special Feeder Calf Committee**

Jerry Connealy, Chair Don Schiefelbein, Vice Chair David A. Dal Porto James W. Henderson Jonathan Perry

Additionally, CEO Moczygemba stated that management will form an internal team to guide the development of the Feeder Calf Program.