

# Eight Declare Candidacies

Eight members announce they are seeking a position on the American Angus Association Board of Directors in November.

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**E**ight members have declared their intention to run for a position on the American Angus Association Board of Directors this November. Tom Burke, Smithville, Mo.; Philip Howell, Winchester, Ind.; and Chris Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., are each seeking a second three-year term on the board. Richard Dyar, Crossville, Ala.; Dave Hinman, Malta, Mont.; Alan Miller, Gridley, Ill.; Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.; and Barry Pollard, Waukomis, Okla., are each seeking election to their first three-year term.

## Board Candidates

### Seeking a second term:

**Tom Burke, Missouri**  
**Philip Howell, Indiana**  
**Chris Sankey, Kansas**

### Seeking a first term:

**Richard Dyar, Alabama**  
**Dave Hinman, Montana**  
**Alan Miller, Illinois**  
**Jonathan Perry, Tennessee**  
**Barry Pollard, Oklahoma**

The delegates beginning on page 78 will elect five directors, a president and chairman of the board, and a vice president and vice chairman of the board, as well as vote on any bylaws amendments that may be presented at the Association's 133rd Annual Convention of Delegates. The convention will convene at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 7, at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, Ind., during the Angus Convention. Refer to the convention guide inserted with this issue for more convention details.

Biographical sketches of the candidates are presented here in alphabetical order.

### Tom Burke, Missouri

Tom Burke has declared his candidacy for reelection to a second term on the American Angus Association Board of Directors because of his love, dedication and devotion to the Angus breed.

A fourth-generation Angus breeder, Tom's great-grandfather used registered-Angus bulls in the late 1800s. His grandfather, father and uncle were all registered-Angus breeders. Today, Tom is an owner of the original Burke Farm located in southeastern Minnesota. The

farm was homesteaded 131 years ago and is recognized as one of Minnesota's Century Farms.

In 1959, at the age of 16, Tom cast his first vote as a delegate to the American Angus Association annual meeting. He has served as a delegate many years since.

A charter member of the Minnesota Junior Angus Association, Tom was elected the organization's first president in 1960 and served three consecutive terms.

After completing his military obligation, Tom joined the *Drovers Journal*. He served as a fieldman for two years in the 12 southeastern states.

In the 1960s, Tom joined the staff of J.B. McCorkle, a

national Angus sale-management firm in Smithville, Mo. He continued the business after McCorkle's death.

Tom served on the Missouri Angus Association board in 1971-1973, as vice



**Tom Burke**

president in 1973 and 1974. He was a chairman of the association's state show and sale in 1974. In 1972, the Missouri Junior Angus Association

recognized him as Man of the Year. He is one of the five original lifetime members of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. Tom was elected chairman of the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity in 1972, and continues in that role. In 1974, he was appointed to the board of the International Live Stock Show in Chicago, Ill. He is a charter member of the Atlantic National Angus Show, serving on the board of trustees since the show's inception in 1987. Tom has

been the official announcer for all 30 Atlantic National shows. The 1993, 1996 and 2007 shows were dedicated to him.

Tom has been an Angus sale manager for more than 49 years, averaging more than 175 registered-Angus sales per year. He has conducted Angus sales in 47 states, six Canadian provinces and the Caribbean. He takes great pride in managing and conducting Angus sales of all types and sizes, and he treasures the lifelong friendships he has made. In 1994, he was recognized as Marketeer of the Year during the National Western Stock Show.

Tom has addressed Angus field days in more than 35 states and five Canadian provinces. He has traveled extensively internationally on behalf of the Angus breed.

For 20 consecutive years, Tom was honored by the American Angus Association as Promoter of the Year. During that period, he recruited more than 1,000 adult and junior members.

On numerous occasions, the American Angus Auxiliary has honored Tom for his work on its behalf. He has been the longest-serving judge of the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> (CAB<sup>®</sup>) Cook-Off.

Tom has attended all 50 National Junior Showmanship contests, as well as all 48 National Junior Angus Shows, serving as an announcer or master of ceremonies at several of these events.

He was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation in 2004 and was presented with the Historic Angus Herd Award in 2006. The Kansas Angus Association selected him as an honorary member in 2005. In 2013 the Livestock Publications Council presented Tom with his most coveted honor, the Headliner Award.

Tom has co-authored nine Angus books, including most recently *The Legend and Life of Earl Marshall* and Volume 2 of the *National Junior Angus Show*.

In 2008, Tom was elected to the

International Stockyard's board of directors. In 2015 he served as an official U.S. delegate to the World Angus Secretariat in Mexico. In 2016 Tom was recognized by the Conklin Co. as a recipient of the coveted Francis Childs Award.

Today, Tom owns 200 registered-Angus cows and has 40 bulls in major artificial insemination (AI) studs. He is involved daily at the American Angus Hall of Fame, home of the largest collection of Angus history in the world. Daughter Carmen; son-in-law Jake; and three grandchildren, Jett, Miles and Blair, are all members of the American Angus Association and reside on the Burke Family Farm at Platte City, Mo. Tom is a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Weston, Mo.

He travels 340 days a year on behalf of the Angus breed. His life is Angus cattle.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association, Tom currently serves on the Finance, Activities, Long Range Planning and Industry Relations committees.

As a director of the American Angus Association, Tom will be very accessible. You won't have to find him, he will find you if you have a question or problem.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact him at 816-853-2697 or at [angushall3@earthlink.net](mailto:angushall3@earthlink.net).

### **Richard Dyar, Alabama**

Richard Dyar has been a life member of the American Angus Association for 42 years since June 20, 1974. The lifelong native of Alabama developed his passion for cattle and the land from his parents and grandparents, who were farmers and cattlemen. Richard is an active member of the Sardis Baptist Church.

While in high school, Richard was active in his local FFA chapter. He served as an officer, participated on the livestock judging team and received his State Farmer Degree.

In 1971, Richard graduated from Auburn University, where he was an active member of the Block & Bridle Club and served as chairman of the Little International Showmanship Contest. Richard was also a member of the Auburn University Livestock Judging Team. While attending Auburn, Richard worked and lived at the Swine Evaluation Station. In his spare time he coached Little League baseball.

He received a master's degree in 1977 from

Western Kentucky University. While attending Western Kentucky, he chartered the Block & Bridle Club and conducted its first Little International Showmanship Contest.



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He also assisted with coaching the livestock judging teams.

Richard joined the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service in 1971, for which he coordinated youth and producer

livestock programs in Lee County. While in Lee County, he enrolled many producers in the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) and coached four county livestock judging teams that represented Alabama in national 4-H judging contests in Louisville, Ky., and Kansas City, Mo.

Richard has served as a member and president of the Alabama Purebred Beef Breeds Council. He was a board member and president of the Alabama BCIA. He received the Richard Deese Award for Outstanding Service in 2009 from the Alabama BCIA. He has served on the North Alabama Bull Test Station and Fall Roundup Bull Sale committees. Richard helped organize the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Foundation and served as its first president. The foundation is dedicated to graduate and undergraduate scholarships and beef cattle research. He is a member of the DeKalb County and the Alabama Cattlemen's associations. Richard is an active member of the Alabama Angus Association and serves on its board of directors. The Richard Dyar Scholarship is awarded annually to Alabama junior Angus members.

Richard joined the American Angus Association staff Nov. 1, 1978, and served as regional manager for 35½ years. He proudly served the breeders in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. During his career he served on long-range planning sessions conducted by the Board and worked closely with the junior activities director in organizing the National Junior Angus Association. Richard assisted with developing the Junior Angus Regional Preview Show concept for his region and helped host the first one in the region. He also assisted with coordinating 10 regional

junior Angus shows in his territory during his career.

Richard assisted with the complete reorganization of the Mississippi Angus Association in the early 1980s. He received the 2011 Standard of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Angus Association, the 35-Year Service Award in 2014 from the Alabama Angus Association, and the 2004 Service Award from the Mississippi Angus Association.

Richard and his family own and operate Dyar Angus Farm near Crossville, Ala., where they calve 60-70 registered-Angus cows annually and market bulls in an annual bull sale with Tennessee River Music of Fort Payne, Ala. He consigns to Alabama Angus Association sales, Alabama BCIA bull sales, the Southeastern Angus Classic and others. Richard annually participates in Alabama Angus sales and activities. He received the Progressive Breeder of the Year in 2008 and Family of the Year in 1989 from the Alabama Angus Association.

His daughter, Amy Dyar, lives on the farm and served as a vocational teacher for 11 years. She currently serves as the library media specialist at Crossville High School. Amy exhibited heifers at state, regional and national junior Angus shows from age 9 until she served as a National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) member from 1997 to 1999.

Richard has two stepsons, Nic and Tyler, and his five grandchildren — Makala, Kohl, Garrett, Kate and Gavin — enjoy the farm and cattle.

Richard has devoted his life to serving the beef cattle and Angus industries. Richard says Angus breeders have become his extended family over the years. He has a desire to give back to the membership, the Angus breed and an association that has been his life. Richard asks for your consideration and would be honored to serve as a voice for Angus breeders on the Board of Directors.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact him at 816-390-6601 or at [rdyar@farmerstel.com](mailto:rdyar@farmerstel.com).

### **Dave Hinman, Montana**

The Montana Angus Association unanimously endorses Dave Hinman of Malta, Mont., for a position on the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association.

Dave was raised on a farm near Gallatin Gateway, Mont., with his four brothers. He

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attended a rural country school that was a horseback ride from the family farm. He later graduated high school from nearby Bozeman.

Dave's entrepreneurial spirit was apparent early on. While in high school he borrowed money to lease a hog farm, raising and



**Dave Hinman**

feeding them to finish. Dave was drawn to livestock, which led him to the local livestock auction market where he started working when he was 16. It was there he met a Montana cattle

buyer who hired him as his assistant and mentored him about the challenges of cattle buying.

Dave and Yvonne were married in 1965. During their early years together they continued to raise hogs, cattle and had a large band of sheep. In 1973 they bought their first registered-Angus heifers. That marked the beginning of Hinman Angus. Soon after, they leased a ranch in Willow Creek, Mont., where they raised their two daughters, Jill and Heidi, and they all worked at calving, lambing, irrigating and haying.

In 2000, Hinman Angus had a great opportunity in Northern Montana near the town of Malta. Dave and Yvonne, along with daughter Heidi and her husband, Billy Lulloff, leased to own an 8,000-acre ranch that is now home to Hinman Angus.

Both Dave and Yvonne were 4-H leaders for all 12 years their daughters participated. Dave also served on the Willow Creek School Board, the Southwest Montana Angus Association as a director and president, and the Montana Angus Association as a director and as president in 1993-1995. Dave has been a delegate to the American Angus Association annual convention for more than 20 years.

Hinman Angus was recognized, along with Rollin' Rock Angus, with the 2005 *Certified Angus Beef*® Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award. It was a great honor for them to receive this CAB award. In 2004, Dave and Yvonne were presented the Wayne Stevenson Memorial award, which is given to "dedicated, enthusiastic individual(s) who have made a major contribution to Montana Angus cattle." The fact that Wayne had been a friend and that recipients are chosen by

Montana Angus peers made this very special to the Hinman family.

The turning point for Hinman Angus occurred in 1988 as the Performance Breeder's Bull Sale was founded. This sale linked four individual breeders who were entrenched in performance testing. Each breeder understood the value and importance of performance testing and worked closely with the American Angus Association and Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

The other three members of the original Performance Breeders — Dale Davis (Papa Angus), John Hamilton (Cedar Hills Angus) and Bill Davis (Rollin' Rock Angus) — all served on the American Angus Association Board, with the latter being a past president. The Performance Breeders Bull Sale quickly became one of the highlights of the sale season, its calling card being high-quality bulls, a festive sale atmosphere and 365-day service to their customers.

Built from the ground up, Hinman Angus is a successful Angus operation that now owns 500 head of registered mother cows, along with an extensive embryo transfer (ET) program. Dave feels exceptionally qualified to represent and serve Angus breeders as a director on the American Angus Association Board. Having relied on programs such as AHIR, CAB, Angus Productions Inc. (API) and the regional manager field team, he knows firsthand the importance of sustaining a strong Association and an even stronger membership. Those include the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and the American Angus Auxiliary, of which Yvonne was president in 2000. Dave's deep understanding of the issues and his passion for the Angus breed and its Association comes from a lifetime of experience living the lifestyle.

Dave would sincerely appreciate your consideration and support in November as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association. He would be glad to visit with you about any questions you may have. He can be contacted at home at 406-654-1809, by cell at 406-654-4656 or by email at hinmanangus@hotmail.com.

### **Philip Howell, Indiana**

By acclamation the Indiana Angus Association (IAA) board of directors endorses the candidacy of Philip A. "Doc" Howell for the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association.

Phil, the son of Warren and Marjorie

(Wright) Howell, was born in Muncie, Ind., in 1949. He graduated from Daleville (Indiana) High School, where he lettered in both track and cross-country and ran with his team in the state cross-country meet in 1966.

He attended Purdue University and graduated with a doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 1973. While at Purdue he



**Philip Howell**

was a member of both Alpha Zeta and Phi Zeta.

After graduation, Phil worked in mixed animal practices in Cedar Grove, Wis., and Silver Lake, Ind. To be nearer family, he purchased a

practice in Winchester, Ind., in June 1979. He is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, for which he currently serves on the board; American Association of Bovine Practitioners; and the Indiana Bovine Interest Group.

On Sept. 8, 1973, he married Judith Diane Siewert. Judy is a registered nurse (retired) and a past president of the Indiana Angus Auxiliary. She currently serves as the Auxiliary representative to the IAA board. Since retiring, she works in a local food pantry, with Kids Hope and in the veterinary clinic.

Phil and Judy have been blessed with three children, all Purdue graduates.

Emily Howell Reynolds is a medical technologist. She lives in Owensboro, Ky., and works as a clinical informatics specialist. She and her husband, David, an attorney, have two children.

Andy is an agriculture science teacher. He and daughter Allie live near Marengo, Ind. Allie, 9, is already an Angus showing veteran. She exhibited three heifers at the 2016 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Andy is active in many Angus organizations. He was president of the Southern Indiana Angus Association and was on the board of the IAA.

Brian, their youngest son, is the 4-H and youth extension educator in Tipton County, Ind. He served on the NJAB from 2001 to 2003. He was the showmanship winner at the Atlantic National, Eastern Regional Angus Show at Lebanon, Ohio, and a finalist in the showmanship contest at the 2001 NJAS. Brian has been active in the Indiana Junior



Angus Association and has served as an advisor to the association. He and his wife, Jill, a musician and teacher, have three sons and live in Tipton, Ind.

In his local community, Phil has served as a member and president of the county extension board and council and the Randolph County Beef Producers. He has been a member of the Agricultural Outreach Board of St. Vincent Randolph Hospital and the Randolph County Board of Health. He and Judy are members of Main Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Winchester, Ind., where Phil has served as an elder for more than 20 years.

In 1961, Phil purchased his first Angus heifer from Don Watkins of Beaver Ridge Farm, Middletown, Ind. Phil has served as president of the Indiana Junior Angus Association (1969), IAA (2005) and the Southeastern Indiana Angus Association (2009). Since 2005, he has served on the IAA board and has been a voting delegate to the American Angus Association annual meeting. In 2006 he was chairman of the NJAS Daily Volunteers Committee, and he served as the veterinary service coordinator when the NJAS returned to Indianapolis in 2014.

Phil and Andy currently own 50 cows, with the majority being registered Angus. They have used AI extensively, as well as ET, ultrasound and genomic evaluation. Performance testing has been used since the mid-1960s.

They have hosted several open house/private treaty sales at the Winchester farm, and they have consigned cattle to several sales, including the Southern Indiana Angus Association, Ohio Showcase, Sherman Angus (Doug Sherman), and the Green Valley (Dennis Garwood) Bull Sale in Nebraska.

During his first term on the American Angus Association Board, Phil served on the board of Angus Productions Inc. (API) for one year and on the board of Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) for two years. He served as chairman of the Data Force Subcommittee. He was vice chairman of the Industry Relations Committee.

If elected to a second term, he would pursue his original goal, which was the discovery and multiplication of superior Angus genetic material from small or large herds. He would work to increase the value of the Angus registration paper. Working to increase the impact of the American Angus Association within the beef and agriculture industries would be a goal using the long-range plan that is being developed by the

current Board. He would encourage the work of the Angus Foundation in funding scholarships and education. He feels that the Angus Media mission of telling “the Angus story” to consumers and other agricultural producers must be allowed to grow.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact him at 765-546-0838 (cell), 765-584-4951 (office) or at dochowell765@aol.com.

### **Alan Miller, Illinois**

Alan Miller is a third-generation Angus breeder who grew up on his family farm near Gridley, Ill. His grandfather, Adam Schlipf, began an Angus cattle herd in the late 1940s and was active in the purebred Angus business through the 1960s. Thirty years ago,



**Alan Miller**

Alan's parents, Orlan and Carol Miller, began revitalizing the Angus herd as a junior project for Alan and his four siblings and named the operation Prairie View Farms (PVF). Alan was active in junior Angus activities throughout his youth. He served on the NJAB in 1993, was selected as a finalist at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest and attended the first Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference. His exposure to the Angus industry turned an interest as a young Angus showman into a successful career.

Alan attended the University of Illinois in Urbana, where he received a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree and doctorate in ruminant nutrition. During his undergraduate years, Alan was a member of Illinois' National Champion 4-H Livestock Judging Team, the University of Illinois Livestock Judging Team, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and Hoof and Horn Club.

As a graduate student, he worked as a beef specialist for the University of Illinois Extension. Alan coordinated the state's standardized performance analysis/integrated resources management (SPA/IRM) program focusing on cost-of-production work with cow-calf producers throughout the Midwest and completed graduate research focused on cow-calf nutrition. He was active in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Illinois Beef Association and the American

Society of Animal Science. His work for extension continued until he was able to return to the farm full-time in 2008.

Alan built PVF on sales of heifer calves for junior projects, but growing the farm to return full-time meant expanding sources of income within the framework of the Angus industry. In the fall of 2010, Alan was one of the first in the industry to host an online heifer calf sale. The following year he hosted a spring production sale as a way to market young cows and bulls. Alan also began marketing bulls through the National Western Stock Show, and through a partnership with McCabe Genetics in Kansas.

Alan aggressively used embryo transfer and sexed semen, and in 2009 began using *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) as a method to increase the value of the calf crop. Cooperator herds throughout the country are utilized to raise an excess of 300 calves to market this year. He partnered with Trans Ova Genetics last year to add an IVF satellite center at the farm. The continued expansion of the embryo program resulted in the farm's first online embryo sale this past spring and plans for a first bred-heifer sale this fall.

PVF is a family operation that Alan and his wife, Theresa, operate in close cooperation with brother-in-law and sister Brandon and Cathy Jones. There are three full-time herdsman managing more than 200 cows at the farm and exhibiting cattle across the country. Alan and Theresa have three children: Amelia (13), Adam (11) and William (7), all of whom are active in NJAA activities. Theresa is an advisor for the Illinois Junior Angus Association.

Alan served as the Sale Committee chairman for the Illinois Angus Association for 14 years, and he is currently a member of the Illinois Angus Association board. Alan is a past Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) attendee and is serving as co-chairman of the Fundraising Committee for the 2018 NJAS. Alan is a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, where he has served as a Sunday School teacher and member of the World Relief Committee.

In 2007, PVF hosted the National Angus Tour. In 2014, they were named the Illinois Beef Association's Seedstock Producer of the Year. In 2016, the farm was named Premier Breeder at the NJAS.

Alan is unanimously endorsed by the Illinois Angus Association Board of Directors. His diverse experience and history with the Angus industry since his youth make him

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uniquely qualified to serve the board, and he is honored to be considered.

Alan welcomes your questions. You may contact him by phone at 217-840-6935 or by email at pvfangus@gmail.com.

**Jonathan Perry, Tennessee**

The Tennessee Angus Breeders Association proudly supports Jonathan “JP” Perry as a candidate for the American Angus Association Board of Directors.



**Jonathan Perry**

Jonathan has a lifetime of experience in the beef industry and represents three generations who have made their livelihood in production agriculture. He realizes the value of hard work and

determination that evolves into a passion and a love for the beef business.

JP was raised on a farming and commercial cow-calf operation in South Georgia. His family operated a 400-head commercial cow-calf operation and managed a feeding facility on their farm where they fed their own cattle. They raised several hundred acres of cotton, corn, tobacco and produce, some of which was fed in the family-owned feedlot.

JP learned at a young age the responsibilities that come with a vertically integrated family farming operation. He was active in many junior programs and exhibited cattle, hogs and sheep in 4-H. Later in his junior career, he served on a junior board where he established many valuable industry contacts. He attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, a division of the University of Georgia.

JP has spent much of his life working in the purebred business. In 1998 he was offered the opportunity of a lifetime when Fred and Rinda Clark of Deer Valley Farm, Fayetteville, Tenn., offered him the opportunity to manage this premier purebred program. In the beginning, Deer Valley was home to top Limousin cattle. As the industry demanded change, Fred Clark and JP made the bold commitment to join the Angus family. Today many of the most influential Angus bulls and females graze the pastures at Deer Valley Farm.

A short while after arriving at Deer Valley, JP met his wife, Jackie, who grew up in the

Angus business and shared the same passion for the beef industry. Son Zach (24) and daughter Alli (12) enjoy the cattle business and have had and are having success exhibiting cattle. Jackie had a small herd of Angus cattle that she and Jonathan developed and expanded to raise heifers for Zach to show. These foundation females were added to the Deer Valley herd and are still part of the program today.

As the general manager of Deer Valley, Jonathan had the foresight to develop an Angus program that today is recognized as one of the premier programs for balancing all economically relevant traits in cattle that maintain structural soundness and phenotype. The program has been built on proven cow families with the goal of producing fault-free Angus bulls that adapt to all environments, ultimately adding value to their customer’s calves.

Each year more than 500 bulls are marketed through three annual sales, and today there are bulls carrying the DVF brand working in top purebred programs coast to coast and in many of the top commercial cow-calf operations in the southeast. Much like his family’s vertically integrated operation, JP and Fred Clark have developed the 5,500-acre Deer Valley Farm into the same concept, raising their own grain and forage and marketing any excess.

JP and Jackie established the Hickory House restaurant as a separate enterprise in 2014. It has become one of the most popular small-town restaurants in the region, specializing in serving 100% CAB brand product. This family-owned and -operated restaurant has been an eye-opener to the value and consistency of CAB and to its value to the Angus breed and its breeders. It has opened a new passion for JP, allowing him to see firsthand how the Angus cow-calf business must keep the ultimate end user in mind.

JP, along with the Tennessee Angus Association, his many friends in the Angus business, and his colleagues believe he will be an asset to the Board of Directors for the American Angus Association. He will draw on his past experiences in a family-owned and -operated business to managing one of the breeds largest vertically integrated programs to seeing firsthand the value of genetics from the foodservice side of the table. He has a passion to continue accelerating the Angus business to new heights.

The time is now to elect enthusiastic

breeders who will give all they have to continue accelerating Angus cattle to the forefront of the industry. Real-world experience and the understanding of always striving to add value to our genetic base will result in a bright future for the Angus business.

To learn more about JP’s perspective on the Angus business, please contact him at 931-703-6330 or email [jjperry@deervalleyfarm.com](mailto:jjperry@deervalleyfarm.com).

**Barry Pollard, Oklahoma**

The Oklahoma Angus Association has unanimously endorsed Barry Pollard as a candidate for the American Angus



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Association Board of Directors.

Barry is a lifetime Angus member raised in a farming and ranching family in Hennessey, Okla. His father was a vocational agriculture

teacher and Pollard showed livestock in 4-H and FFA. That tradition has been carried on by his sons and now by his granddaughter, who recently showed three Angus heifers at the NJAS.

He attended Oklahoma State University (OSU), went to medical school, and is a board-certified neurosurgeon who has performed more than 17,000 surgeries.

Barry’s roots run deep in agriculture. He currently farms and ranches more than 8,500 acres. He has managed numerous cattle through his wheat-pasture program and has followed them through the finishing lots. His interest in the registered-Angus business began more than 25 years ago. He currently oversees an Angus herd of more than 340 cows with a large recipient herd and raises more than 500 registered-Angus calves annually.

The 19th annual production sale was just completed in September. Approximately 200 Angus bulls are sold annually either through the Angus bull sale or at private treaty.

His involvement with OSU remains strong. He has been a member of the Oklahoma State University Foundation and served on the executive committee for six years. He was chairman of the board of trustees from 2009 to 2011 — in the middle

of a \$1 billion dollar successful fundraising campaign.

He initiated and developed a medical scholarship program at Oklahoma State University called the OSU Medical Cowboys, which has raised more than \$3.5 million for scholarships. The goal is to recruit freshmen into the field of medicine from rural communities so they will hopefully return to rural communities to practice medicine.

In 2014 he was named a Distinguished Graduate in the College of Agriculture, and he was named an "OSU Distinguished Alumni in 2006." In January 2017 he will be honored by being inducted into the OSU Hall of Fame, which is OSU's highest honor.

Barry purchased his first John Deere business in 1984. He now owns 10 dealerships in Oklahoma (PK Equipment) and nine dealerships in east-central Iowa (PK Midwest). Combined, he employs more than 550 men and women devoted to agriculture.

Currently funding six scholarships at OSU, he is also a strong supporter of 4-H and FFA through premium sales and contributes heavily to the Oklahoma Youth Expo. He was the chairman of the Northwest District Livestock Show Premium Committee and has been awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree. He supports the youth by donating John Deere Gators used at the Oklahoma and Tulsa State Fairs, the NJAS in Tulsa in 2015, and, most recently, for use at the NJAS in Des Moines, Iowa, in 2017.

In 2012 he was named Physician of the Year and received the Business Man of the Year award from the Enid Chamber of Commerce. His business experience also includes serving on two bank boards from 1987 to 1998.

He would like to use his diversified agriculture background and his business experience in agriculture, medicine and banking to help guide and direct the future of the American Angus Association by serving on the Board of Directors.

Barry believes strongly in giving back to those organizations that have helped him and his family, and he looks forward to the opportunity to serve the members of the American Angus Association wisely.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact him at 580-758-1464 (ranch); 580-242-7030 (office) or at [barry@pollardfarms.com](mailto:barry@pollardfarms.com).

### **Chris Sankey, Kansas**

The Kansas Angus Association Board of Directors has unanimously endorsed Chris

Sankey of Council Grove, Kan., for election to the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Chris and his wife, Sharee, own and operate Sankey's 6N Ranch located in the Flint Hills near Council Grove. The Sankeys



**Chris Sankey**

have two children, Cody and Jeana, who were actively involved in the Kansas Junior Angus Association and the NJAA and are still involved in family ranch decisions and marketing.

Chris's livestock roots trace back three generations to his grandfather's purchase of the family ranch in south-central Kansas. The Sankey Ranch registered-Angus cow herd was established by H.F. and Larry Sankey in 1940, with the Sankeys receiving the Historic Angus Herd award in 1990.

Following his graduation from Sterling High School, Chris attended Kansas State University (K-State), receiving his bachelor's degree in animal science and business in 1978. While at K-State, Chris was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Block & Bridle Club, and the junior and senior livestock judging teams. Chris was employed by the K-State Purebred Beef Unit.

After graduation, Chris married Sharee Laflin, a fourth-generation Angus breeder from a ranching family at Olsburg, Kan. Opportunities in the Angus business included managing at Southern Star Land & Cattle Co., Mission Valley Ranch and the family operation.

In 1983, the chance of a lifetime came along, and he and Sharee leased the historic 6N Ranch in the great natural prairie of the Flint Hills just outside of Council Grove. In 1993, they purchased the headquarters and part of the ranch. During this time, Chris and Sharee were continuing to expand their Angus herd while adding another breed to their program.

Chris has been active in the Kansas Angus Association, serving on its board and as president in 1990. He has served on two NJAS committees, a regional show committee, and on the 2012 National Angus Conference & Tour committee. He has been a Kansas Junior Angus Association advisor for two terms.

Chris has been involved in the Kansas

Livestock Association and is a past county chairman and past Purebred Council committee chairman. He has served his home community by being a 4-H beef project leader and a member of the Morris County Extension Council and Farm Bureau Board.

Sharee has been a member of the American Angus Auxiliary officer team and served as president in 2005-2006. She is currently past president of the Kansas Angus Association.

Cody, wife Lindsay and daughter Caroline reside in Economy, Ind., where they own and operate their Angus cow herd.

Jeana, husband Dustin Hurlbut and daughter Bayler live in Raymond, S.D. They are involved in the Hurlbut Family Angus Farm, and Jeana is a graphic design artist for SCI Designs.

Chris and his family utilize all tools available to improve their genetics, using AI since 1977, incorporating ET and ultrasound data along with DNA testing. They have developed a wide array of merchandising tools for their Angus genetics, including sending bulls to the Midland Bull Test, selling bulls in the National Western Angus Bull Sale and hosting an annual female sale at the ranch in the fall.

These marketing avenues along with their private-treaty and online sales have allowed them to reach an expanded market that includes international trade into Mexico and Canada. Through the years they have developed a great network of customers in different areas, including getting juniors involved in the NJAA.

"Our association has positioned us at the top of the industry by building the greatest database and the programs to support it," says Chris. "Our challenge is to continue to grow these programs, all while providing our customers and consumers with a proven, predictable and sustainable product. We will need to meet their demands to keep the Angus breed leading the way.

"I would appreciate your support for my election to the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association," Chris adds.

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