

Association Elects Leadership, Honors Achievement

The American Angus Association hosts its 130th Annual Convention of Delegates among a week's worth of activities in Louisville, Ky.

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The American Angus Association announced new members and officers for its board of directors during the 130th Annual Convention of Delegates in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 18. A total of 311 elected delegates from 42 states and Canada represented Association members during the convention, which was convened at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show.

Gordon Stucky, Kingman, Kan., was elected as the American Angus



Gordon Stucky

Association's president and chairman of the board. Stucky will help guide the course for the business breed and its more than 25,000 members across the United States and Canada. Most recently, Stucky served as vice president and vice chairman of the board. He and his family own Stucky Ranch, which is located west of Wichita, Kan.

Stucky's roots in Kingman County trace back to 1937, when his parents established a diversified crop and livestock operation. Stucky began the transition to a registered-Angus cattle herd in 1976. After graduating from Kansas State University with an animal science degree, he returned to the ranch to fulfill his lifelong commitment to the Angus breed.

He succeeds Phil Trowbridge, Ghent, N.Y.

Cathy Watkins, Middletown, Ind., was chosen by delegates to serve as Association vice president and vice



Cathy Watkins

chairman of the board. Watkins has been a dedicated leader for the Angus breed for several years, including serving as Association treasurer in 2012-2013. She and her husband, Bob, raise Angus cattle at Beaver Ridge Farm in east-central Indiana. They

also work with Schaff Angus Valley in Saint Anthony, N.D., which is one of the oldest ongoing Angus herds in North America. Watkins divides her time between both operations.

A graduate from Michigan State University, she has a degree in animal science. While there, she was a member of the meat-judging team and the livestock-judging team. Off the farm, Watkins worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 33 years, retiring in 2007.

Jim Sitz, Dillon, Mont., was announced as treasurer. Sitz, who manages and operates Sitz Angus Ranch in Dillon,



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Mont., will serve as the next Association board treasurer. The Sitz Angus Ranch was started in 1928 by Will and Frieda Sitz, Jim's grandparents.

Sitz Angus Ranch has since grown and has become known as one of the top sources of Angus genetics in the country. A graduate of Brigham Young University-Rexburg in Idaho, Sitz holds a degree in business and agricultural management. He has served on the Montana Angus Association and the Montana Beef Council for the Montana Stockgrowers Association.

Class of 2014

Those elected by the delegates to serve the Association for three-year terms are: Tom Burke, Smithville, Mo.; John Elbert Harrell, Opelika, Ala.; Leo McDonnell, Billings, Mont.; John Pfeiffer Jr., Mulhall, Okla.; and Kevin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C. Harrell, McDonnell, Pfeiffer and Yon are serving their second term on the board. Burke will serve his first three-year term.



Delegates to the 130th American Angus Association Annual Convention of Delegates elected leadership for the coming year. Directors elected to serve a three-year term are (from left) Leo McDonnell, Billings, Mont.; John Pfeiffer Jr., Mulhall, Okla.; Kevin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C.; John Elbert Harrell, Opelika, Ala.; and Tom Burke, Smithville, Mo.



Exhibitors led 47 bulls through the ring Nov. 18.

Burke is a fourth-generation cattleman who has conducted registered-Angus sales across the United States, Canada and the Caribbean through his work at the American Angus Hall of Fame. He owns the Burke Farm, homesteaded 125 years ago in southeastern Minnesota.

Burke has served on boards of the Missouri Angus Association and Atlantic National, as well as serving as chairman of The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity.

Harrell has 44 years of experience breeding and marketing Angus cattle. He and his partner, Mitch Lazenby, own and operate Highlander Ranch, where they raise 100-plus registered-Angus females and develop 150 bulls each year.

Harrell is a director and past president of the Alabama Angus Association. He and his wife, Ann, are strong supporters of junior Angus members.

McDonnell is a fourth-generation rancher, raised around both feedlot and cow-calf operations. He and his wife, Sam, live near Columbus, Mont.

McDonnell has been involved in several industry groups, being a past

chairman of the Montana Cattle Feeders; a delegate in the mid-1990s for Montana on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) International Trade Committee and the Research and Education Committee; a co-founder for the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund-United Stockgrowers of America (R-CALF USA); and currently a director of the U.S. Cattlemen's Association and Cattlemen's Beef Board.

Pfeiffer and his wife, Gaye, have been married 32 years. The family operates a diversified farming operation consisting of 2,200 acres of crops and pasture. Much of the wheat, alfalfa and corn go directly toward the 140 registered- and 75 commercial-Angus cows.

Pfeiffer has been president of the Oklahoma Angus Association, a member of the first Oklahoma Ag Leadership Program, a director for the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, and president of the Logan County Cattlemen's Association.

Yon and his wife, Lydia, established Yon Family Farms in 1996. The operation is now home to 700 head of Angus brood cows and 300 commercial cows.

Yon has served as president of the South Carolina Angus Association and South Carolina Cattlemen's Association, and as chairman of the South Carolina Farm Bureau Beef Advisory Committee, among other positions. Their children — Sally, Drake and Corbin — are active in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

Show winners named

Junior Angus exhibitors led 179 entries before judge Jake Scott, Gordon, Neb., in the Junior Angus Heifer Show Nov. 17. Boyd Abigale 3032 won grand champion bred-and-owned female for Blake Boyd,

Mayslick, Ky. Carter Ward, Plattsburg, Mo., led the grand champion owned female, PVF Missie 2018.

Seldom Rest BRMF Princess claimed the title of reserve grand champion owned female. Sydney Schnoor, Chowchilla, Calif., owns the March 2012 daughter of Gamble's Hot Rod who first won reserve junior champion.

Steven Reimer, Chamberlain, S.D., evaluated 159 females, 47 bulls and six cow-calf pairs before selecting the winning animals in the Super-Point ROV Angus Show Nov. 18-19. EXAR Blue Chip 1877B claimed grand champion and senior champion bull honors. Express Angus Ranches, Yukon, Okla.; Harris Penner, Mill Creek, Okla.; and Conley Cattle, Sulphur, Okla., own the August 2011 son of Dameron First Class. DDA Dameron Northern Light won reserve grand champion bull for Double Diamond Angus, Chrisman, Ill., and Dameron Angus Farm, Lexington, Ill. The March 2012 son of SAV Brilliance 8077 first won junior champion.

Cherry Knoll Pleasant Elsa captured grand champion female honors for Logan Wright, Philippi, W.Va. The January 2012 daughter of SAV Brilliance 8077 first won junior champion. Sydney Schnoor, Chowchilla, Calif., owns the reserve grand champion female. EXAR Winnie 5291 is the September 2011 daughter of Dameron First Class and first claimed senior champion.

Cherry Knoll Elisha 1146 won grand champion cow-calf pair. Trista Bates, Manhattan, Mont., owns the April 2011 daughter of Leachman Saugahatchee 3000C. A March 2013 bull calf sired by SSCO Dateline TwentyTen X003 completes the winning pair. Justin Wood, Willow Spring, N.C., owns the reserve champion cow-calf pair. WA Emblynette 136 is a March 2011 daughter of SAV 004 Density 4336. A March 2013 heifer calf sired by SAV Priority 7283 is at side.

Leaders honored at banquet

The American Angus Association recognized breed leaders, outstanding youth and others who have contributed to the organization's 130-year success story during its Annual Awards Banquet Nov. 18 at the Crowne Plaza.

Four individuals were inducted into the prestigious Angus Heritage Foundation, which honors those who have made significant contributions to the breed by dedicating their time, knowledge and efforts to improve Angus cattle.

The 2013 inductees are: Brian Halverson, Baker, Minn.; James "Jim" Rentz, Coldwater, Ohio; John Schurr, Farnam, Neb.; and Woodrow Wilson King, Rock Falls, Ill., who was inducted posthumously. Their names will be added to a permanent plaque in the Association library and included in the next published edition of the Angus Heritage Foundation booklet.

The NJAA recognized its 2013

Outstanding Leadership Award recipient, Hannah Wright, Spring City, Tenn. Each year, a junior member is selected for the award based upon leadership exhibited through Angus and other activities. Wright is currently a senior pursuing her undergraduate degree at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

During the 2012-2013 show season, nearly 2,000 head of cattle competed for

points during 15 Roll of Victory (ROV) shows across the country. The ROV Show Heifer, Show Bull and Breeder of the Year were recognized during the banquet, while other winners were recognized during the ROV shows.

EXAR Envious Blackbird 1760, owned by Ashley Cox, Eagle Point, Ore., earned the title of ROV Show Heifer of the Year, as well as being named Junior Champion

Female of the Year.

The 2012-2013 ROV Show Bull of the Year went to Sankey's Justified 101, owned by Chris and Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan.; Foster Campbell, Bossier City, La.; and Justamere Ranch Ltd., Lloydminster, Sask., Canada. The bull was also named Junior Champion Bull of the Year.

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Express Angus Ranches, Yukon, Okla., was named 2012-2013 ROV Breeder of the Year.

Foundation celebrates milestones

Themed Rooted in the Future, the Angus Foundation's 2013 Supporter

Recognition Event Nov. 16 honored all supporters who contributed \$250 or more during the past fiscal year.

"It's our pleasure to offer this wonderful event that enables us to convey our heartfelt gratitude to our generous financial supporters," says Milford Jenkins,

Angus Foundation president. "Through their charitable gifts, these benefactors and hundreds of others are making an immeasurable difference in the lives of Angus breeders and our youth across the country. We believe this year's theme, Rooted in the Future, appropriately captured the spirit of our organization's tireless efforts to help our members advance their Angus herds, the Angus

breed, and the beef cattle industry that is our livelihood."

Jacy Alsup, Gravette, Ark., chairman of the NJAA Board of Directors, and Luke Nord, Wolverton, Minn., Foundation director of the National Junior Angus Board, served as co-emcees for the event, which was attended by nearly 300 supporters.

Highlights of the event included recognizing Camron "Cam" Cooper of The Talon Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont.; Jerry and Sharon Connealy of Connealy Angus, Whitman, Neb.; Charles and Judy Herbster of Herbster Angus Farms, Falls City, Neb.; and the 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). These honorees are considered "Angus Builder" donors with contributions of cash, gifts-in-kind, etc., totaling more than \$100,000 during the fiscal year.

Other highlights included a special presentation to the 2013 NJAS Steer Carcass Contest winners by Curtis Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., and recognition of Harrell for his service and leadership on the Angus Foundation Board of Directors during the past year.

In addition, the Angus Foundation announced a new fiscal year total revenue record of \$2,316,079.

Jenkins announced the Thomas and Catherine Chambers Estate of Ontario, Ore., gift of more than \$700,000 to the Angus Foundation in support of Angus youth activities and scholarships through the Thomas and Catherine Chambers Endowment Fund. Members of the Angus Foundation's planned giving program "The Angus Society," the Chambers had named the Angus Foundation as a charitable beneficiary in their estate plans in 1996.

A new feature of this year's event was the introduction of the Angus Foundation's Lifetime Giving Recognition Program recognizing supporters with accumulative giving of \$25,000 or more in outright cash gifts, sale proceeds of gift-in-kind and planned giving commitments since the organization's inception in 1980.

A complete list of these special VIP supporters can be found in the Angus Foundation's 2013 Annual Report in the December 2013 issue of the *Angus Journal* and on the organization's website, www.angusfoundation.org.

To conclude the event, Col. Eddie Sims of Oklahoma auctioned the Building an Angus Legacy Limited Edition No. 3 granite planter on behalf of the Angus Foundation. Purchased for \$19,500 by Bob and Cathy Watkins of Middletown, Ind., the engraved planter will be placed at the entrance of the American Angus Association headquarters building at Saint Joseph, Mo.

Auxiliary notables

The American Angus Auxiliary elected 2013-2014 officers and regional directors during its Annual Meeting Nov. 16, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Members of the newly-elected officer team are Cortney Holshouser, Castalia, N.C., president; Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan., president-elect;

Carla Malson, Parma, Idaho, secretary-treasurer; and Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, Modoc, Ind., advisor.

Holshouser hails from Castalia, N.C. She has served as an officer of the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary for six years, and she and her husband, Karl, have been advisors to the North Carolina Junior Angus Association. Together, they manage Castalia Cattle Co., where they offer custom flush and embryo transfer work.

Hinrichsen has served as president of the Kansas Angus Auxiliary, regional director for the American Angus Auxiliary, and is a member of the Kansas Angus Association. Along with her husband, Ron, and children, Cale and Eva, the Hinrichsen family raises Angus cattle on R&L Ranch in Westmoreland, Kan.

Malson and her husband, Mark, and family manage Malson Angus and Herefords. Malson has served as advisor for the Idaho and Western States Junior Angus associations, and president of the Western States Angus Auxiliary.

Hill-Dukehart Cates and her husband, Tyler, manage Cates Farms in Modoc, Ind. As Auxiliary advisor, she is responsible for updating the Auxiliary guidelines for officers and committees and will serve as chairman of the Distinguished Woman and Nomination committees.

Regional directors are: Region 1, Kathy Dubs, Montana; Region 2, Cindy Ahearn, Texas; Region 3, Shally Rogen, South Dakota; Region 4, Melanie Kiani, Mississippi; Region 5, Rachel Frost, Illinois; and Region 6, Marlene Dukehart, Maryland. Regional directors are a source of information for interested members throughout the country.

Miss American Angus crowned

Catherine Harward, Richfield, N.C., was crowned the 2014 Miss American Angus Nov. 18 prior to the announcement of the grand champion bull. A freshman at North Carolina State University, Harward is pursuing a degree in animal science with a business emphasis. She is the daughter of Marcus and Patricia Harward and has five sisters — Lorie, Brooke, LeAnn, Marcie and Mattie. Together, they own a show cattle business named the Harward Sisters.

“This next year as Miss American Angus is more than simply wearing the jacket and crown,” Harward said. “It’s my opportunity to give back to the organization that has shaped my life, and a year of experience I will never be able to replace.”

The annual Miss American Angus contest and program is hosted by the American Angus Auxiliary, and provides one Angus junior an opportunity to serve as a breed ambassador for a yearlong term. Miss American Angus assists with shows, educational events and field days to educate others about the beef industry and the benefits of Angus genetics.

The five young women vying for the crown were selected through the Auxiliary scholarship contest, and completed a written test, delivered a

prepared speech, completed an interview and answered impromptu questions from a panel of judges.

Competing with Harward this year were Morgan Alexander, Berryville, Va.; Brittany Eagleburger, Buffalo, Mo.; Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark.; and Julie Williams, Idalou, Texas. The Miss American Angus contest was judged by Mary McCurry, Burrton, Kan.; Jamie

King, Republic, Ohio; and Jim Shirley, Hamburg, Iowa.

The American Angus Association is the nation’s largest beef breed organization, serving more than 25,000 members across the United States, Canada and several other countries. It’s home to an extensive breed registry that grows by nearly 300,000 animals each year. The Association also

provides programs and services to farmers, ranchers and others who rely on Angus to produce quality genetics for the beef industry and quality beef for consumers.

For more information about Angus cattle and the American Angus Association, visit www.angus.org.



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