

Leadership Installed

American Angus Association elects officers, Board leadership.

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Delegates to the American Angus Association's 134th Annual Convention of Delegates in Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 6 elected fellow members to serve as the organization's leadership for 2017-2018.

Elected to serve as officers of the American Angus Association were Kevin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C., president and chairman of the Board; and John Pfeiffer Jr., Mulhall, Okla., vice president and vice chairman of the Board.

Yon succeeds Charlie Boyd of May's Lick, Ky. He 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 served on the Association Board for six years, including a year as treasurer, before being elected vice president and vice chairman of the Board for 2016-2017. He has served as president of the South Carolina Angus Association and the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association, and as chairman of the South Carolina Farm Bureau Beef Advisory Committee, among other positions.

Pfeiffer was elected by the delegates to serve as Association vice president and vice chairman of the Board. His 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 served on the Board for six years, serving as treasurer this past year. He 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.

Elected by the Board at its September meeting, Schiefelbein will be treasurer for 2017-2018. He has served on the Association Board for five years.

His family operation was started in 1955 by his father, Frank Schiefelbein. Sixty-two years later, with the addition of nine sons and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the operation continues to grow as fast as the family. Today, Schiefelbein Farms has more than 1,000 registered females, farms 4,600 acres and feeds out 7,500 head of cattle.

Directors elected

Elected to each serve the Association for a second three-year term as a director were Jerry Connealy, Whitman, Neb.; David Dal Porto, Oakley, Calif.; John Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; James Henderson, Memphis, Texas; and Dave Nichols, Bridgewater, Iowa.

Connealy was raised on the family ranch, which he has managed since 1981 with his wife, Sharon. The Connealys have three sons: Jed, who works on the ranch; Gabriel; and Ben; and a daughter, Hannah.

Connealy, his family and Connealy Ranch employees feel enormously indebted to the forward-thinking Angus leaders who have dedicated so much time and talent into making the Angus breed dominant in the cattle industry. Connealy feels a great responsibility to ensure that the breed continues to move forward and maintains its strength.

Dal Porto and his wife, Jeanene, still manage their registered and commercial Angus operation in Oakley, Brentwood and northern California. They have three children — Lindsey, AJ and Dawson.

Dal Porto has firsthand experience at every level in the evolution of performance information and how to apply it. He complements that knowledge with a management background developed from his experiences. Dal Porto and his bull sale partner, David Medeiros, were awarded the 2011 *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award at the CAB Annual Conference.

Grimes, a second-generation Angus breeder, was raised on his family's Angus and commercial cow-calf operation, Maplecrest Farms, near Decatur, Ohio.



Elected to serve as officers of the American Angus Association are (from left) Don Schiefelbein, Kimball, Minn., treasurer; Kevin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C., president and chairman of the Board; and John Pfeiffer Jr., Mulhall, Okla., vice president and vice chairman of the Board.



Elected to serve three-year terms as directors of the American Angus Association are (from left) Dave Nichols, Bridgewater, Iowa; Jerry Connealy, Whitman, Neb.; John Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; James Henderson, Memphis, Texas; and David Dal Porto, Oakley, Calif.

During his youth, he was elected to the original National Junior Angus Board (NJAB). An associate professor at the Ohio State University, Grimes and his wife, Joanie, have two daughters, Lindsey and Lauren.

A fourth-generation rancher, Henderson has two daughters, Hayley and Mary Katherine. He and his wife, Mary Lou Bradley, operate Bradley 3 Ranch (B3R).

Henderson has spent more than 30 years in all segments of the meatpacking and processing industry. He and Mary Lou currently market 250 bulls per year to commercial and seedstock customers throughout the United States.

Nichols has been in the cattle business his entire life, having grown up on his father's cattle-feeding operation. Nichols Farms has grown to 5,500 acres, 1,400 cows and a small feedlot.

The operation annually markets more than 500 bulls and a large number of commercial heifers.

Nichols and his wife, Phyllis, and sister-in-law, Lillian, manage the ranch, which has a very active feeder-calf marketing program to enhance their customers' profitability.

A total of 308 delegates from 40 states and the District of Columbia represented Association members during the Annual Convention of Delegates hosted Nov. 6 during the 2017 Angus Convention. Nearly 2,500 Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers attended the three-day event and enjoyed educational seminars, a dynamic trade show, networking and entertainment.

For more about the convention, see Angus Media's coverage at www.angus.org/Media/News/AngusConvention.aspx. For more information about the American Angus Association and its leadership, visit www.angus.org.



Newly elected president Kevin Yon (right) presents the Past President Award to Charlie Boyd, May's Lick, Ky., for his service as the 2016-2017 Association president and Board chairman.