

Officers, Directors Named

New leadership elected to the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

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Delegates to the American Angus Association's 139th Annual Convention elected new leadership and conducted the official business of the organization while assembled Nov. 7, 2022, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The president/chairman, vice president/vice chairman and five directors were elected to the board.

Chuck Grove, Forest, Va., was elected president and chairman of the Board. Barry Pollard, Enid, Okla., was elected vice president and vice chairman of the Board. Previously selected by the Board, Jonathan Perry will serve as treasurer for the 2022-2023 term.

"With the vast influence Angus has on the beef industry, the breed is looked to as leaders ready to navigate both opportunities and potential obstacles," Grove said, emphasizing the Angus breed is in a prime spot to lead industry advancement. "The future of the industry and this great breed looks bright in the coming years, and while I have been devoted to the breed for a lifetime, the next year will be the most rewarding yet."



Officers of the American Angus Association Board of Directors are (from left) Chuck Grove, Virginia, president/chairman; Barry Pollard, Oklahoma, vice president/vice chairman; and Jonathan Perry, Tennessee, treasurer.



Newly elected directors to the Board of the American Angus Association are (from left) Rob Adams, Alabama; Art Butler, Idaho; Alan Mead, Missouri; Henry Smith, Kentucky; and Roger Wann, Oklahoma.

New directors

Elected to their first terms on the board are Rob Adams, Union Springs, Ala.; Art Butler, Bliss, Idaho; Alan Mead, Barnett, Mo.; Henry Smith, Russell Springs, Ky.; and Roger Wann, Poteau, Okla. Directors can serve up to two three-year terms and, if elected, serve additional one-year terms in office as president/chairman and/or vice president/vice chairman.

ROB ADAMS has been a lifelong resident of Union Springs, where his grandfather established their current farm in 1936. For the last 83 years, the family has raised registered Angus cattle, calving about 225 females, and timber on the 925-acre farm. They have an annual bull sale and host the Maternal Gems Female Sale.

Adams co-owns a financial firm, Legacy Advisors Inc., where he works with small businesses and individuals in financial planning and investment management.

A leader in his community, Adams is a board member on the Alabama Angus Association, Alabama Beef Cattle

Improvement Association (BCIA) and BCIA Foundation. He says he hopes to use his experience to help give back to the Association's diverse membership.

ART BUTLER is the third generation raising registered Angus at the 103-year-old Spring Cove Ranch. He and his family manage a 350-head herd and host an annual production sale. The family sells feeder cattle and farms 500 acres.

They use technology and production tools to enhance genetics and management, incorporating ultrasound scans for carcass traits, as well as DNA tests on every calf for parent verification and genomic-enhanced expected progeny differences (EPDs). Butler has been committed to developing markets for Angus feeder calves through AngusLinkSM.

He has served on boards of the Idaho Angus Association and Idaho Cattle Association. The family earned the 2019 Certified Angus Beef

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(CAB) Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award and the Century Herd Award from the Association in 2019.

ALAN MEAD is a third-generation Angus breeder involved in all phases of the cattle business. He currently has three annual production sales, marketing close to 700 bulls per year.

After serving as a board-certified anesthesiologist practitioner, Mead returned home to serve his community while harboring a new vision for Mead Farms. The farm has grown to more than 7,000 acres and close to 1,500 registered Angus cows in addition to several other breeds.

Mead served on the Missouri Angus Association Board of Directors and is a member of the Morgan County Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Cattlemen's Association and National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He has a strong track record of gathering information and making informed decisions, as well as approaching problems with an open mind for successful outcomes.

HENRY SMITH is a fourth-generation

Angus breeder who grew up on a diversified family farm consisting of registered Angus, burley tobacco, corn, soybeans and wheat. For 28 years, he has successfully operated Smithland Angus Farm, recently hosting its 26th annual bull and female sale. Smith currently owns and manages 225 registered Angus cows and a small commercial herd.

He has served on boards of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, County Agricultural Improvement Program, Russell County Cattlemen's Association, Kentucky and Central Kentucky Angus associations, Kentucky Farm Bureau, First Bancorp Inc., and First National Bank of Russell Springs.

Smith believes in the power of the Angus cow to continue to be the foundation of the beef industry, and he is committed to the advancement of the breed.

ROGER WANN was raised on a multigenerational commercial cow-calf ranch. After the purchase of commercial Angus cows and an Angus bull from Belle Point Ranch, the benefits of Angus genetics became clear. After graduating from

Oklahoma State University, he earned a master's in physiology of reproduction from Texas A&M and began a career with ABS Global, where he assisted cattle producers in learning the value of efficient reproductive management programs.

Wann Ranch annually hosts a production sale and markets 120-140 bulls.

He served on the board for Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association and Oklahoma Angus Association, and has helped develop its Angus feeder-calf sale. Wann has a blue-collar, grassroots viewpoint concerning all issues, with the goal of keeping the Angus breed at the forefront of the industry.

To learn more about the American Angus Association Board of Directors or how the delegate process works, visit www.angus.org/assoc/board.

The 2023 Convention of Delegates will be convened Nov. 6 as part of the National Angus Convention scheduled for Nov. 3-6 in Orlando, Fla. **ABB**

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