

## NEW LEADERSHIP, DIRECTORS ELECTED

American Angus Association installs officers and elects Board of Directors at Annual Convention of Delegates in Salt Lake City, Utah.

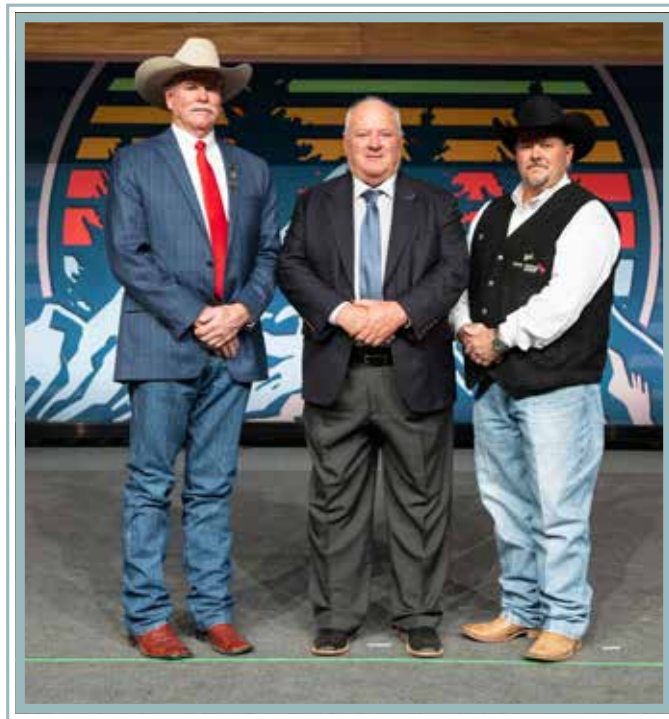
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Five directors were elected to the American Angus Association Board of Directors, as well as a president and chairman and a vice president and vice chairman of the Board, during the 139th Annual Convention of Delegates hosted Nov. 7, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

A total of 281 delegates from 41 states and Canada represented Association members at the Annual Convention of Delegates and elected the 2022-2023 officers and directors. Directors can serve up to two three-year terms on the Board and, if elected, serve additional one-year terms in office as president and chairman and/or vice president and vice chairman.

Elected officers are Chuck Grove, Forest, Va., president and chairman of the Board; and Barry Pollard, Enid, Okla., vice president and vice chairman of the Board. Jonathan Perry will serve as the Association's treasurer.

**GROVE**, who succeeds Jerry Connealy, Whitman, Neb., served previously as vice president, vice chairman and treasurer, and says the



SERVING AS 2022-2023 OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION

(from left) are Chuck Grove, Forest, Va.; Barry Pollard, Enid, Okla.; and Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.

Angus breed is in a prime position to lead industry advancement.

“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 says. “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.”

Grove grew up on his family's registered Angus farm in Virginia. He was an American Angus Association regional manager serving Kentucky and Tennessee. During his 39-year tenure, he also covered Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware and Ohio. Grove and his wife, Ruth, reside on the family farm and manage a 100-head Angus herd.

**POLLARD** has served on the Association Board of Directors for six years and last year served as Association treasurer.

Pollard attended Oklahoma State University (OSU), went to medical school and was a board-certified neurosurgeon who performed more than 18,000 surgeries prior to his recent retirement.

He currently farms and ranches more than 8,500 acres and has managed numerous cattle through his wheat pasture program and followed them through the finishing lots. The Pollard Farms registered Angus herd consists of 400 Angus cows, and with a recipient herd,



together they raise more than 450 registered Angus calves annually. Approximately 150 registered Angus bulls are sold annually at Pollard Farms either through the annual Angus bull sale or by private treaty.

“We are the leaders in the beef world, and we intend to stay there, and that requires financial strength and foresight,” he says.

He notes with inflationary costs of goods and services and forecast expenses affecting the Association’s bottom line, the Board made the decision to increase fees in 2021.

“All the funds basically go to support all the services that we provide to the membership, and that is so key to our organization to be progressive, to have the money to investigate new ideas,” he says.

Elected by the Board at its September meeting, Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn., who has served two terms on the Board of Directors, and two years as Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Board chairman, will serve as the treasurer for 2022-2023.

**PERRY** has spent much of his life working in the purebred business. In 1998, Fred and Rinda Clark of Deer Valley Farm, Fayetteville, Tenn., offered him the opportunity to manage their purebred program.

As general manager of Deer Valley, Perry developed an Angus program that balances all economically relevant traits in cattle that maintain structural soundness and phenotype. Each year, more than 500 bulls are marketed through three sales.

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Perry and his wife established the Hickory House restaurant in 2014, and it specializes in serving 100% *Certified Angus Beef*®-branded product.

## DIRECTORS ELECTED

Elected to their first terms on the Board of Directors are Rob Adams, Union Springs, Ala.; Art Butler, Bliss, Idaho; Alan Mead, Barnett, Mo.; Henry Smith, Russell Springs, Ky.; and Roger Wann, Poteau, Okla.

**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 Legacy Advisors, Inc., a financial planning, investing and management firm where he works with small businesses and individuals.

A leader in his community, Adams is also a board member on the Alabama Angus Association, Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) and BCIA Foundation. Adams hopes to use his experience to help give back to the Association’s diverse membership as a director.

**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. Technology and production tools to enhance genetics and management are used, incorporating ultrasound scans for carcass traits and parent-verifying and genomically testing every calf. Butler has been committed to developing markets for Angus feeder calves through AngusLink<sup>SM</sup>.

He has served on boards of the Idaho Angus Association and Idaho Cattle Association, and the family was awarded the 2019 CAB Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award and the Century Herd Award from the Association in 2019.

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

After becoming a board-certified anesthesiologist practitioner, Mead returned home to serve his community while harboring a new vision for Mead Farms. The farm has

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grown to more than 7,000 acres and close to 1,500 registered Angus cows in addition to several other breeds.

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

**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 Angus Association, NJAA Executive Committee, Kentucky Farm Bureau, First Bancorp, Inc. and First National Bank.

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



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(from left) are Rob Adams, Union Springs, Ala.; Art Butler, Bliss, Idaho; Alan Mead, Barnett, Mo.; Henry Smith, Russell Springs, Ky.; and Roger Wann, Poteau, Okla.

**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 OSU, 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 hosts an annual production sale and markets 120 to 140 bulls.

He served on the board for the 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. **AJ**

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