

# New Leadership

*Delegates elect leaders at Association's 125th Annual Meeting.*

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Jay King, Rock Falls, Ill., was elected the American Angus Association president and chairman of the Board at the group's 125th Annual Convention of Delegates Nov. 17, 2008, in Louisville, Ky. He succeeds Paul Hill, Bidwell, Ohio.

Bill Davis, Sidney, Mont., was chosen by the delegates to serve as vice president and vice chairman of the Board. Joe Hampton, Mount Ulla, N.C., will serve as treasurer for the year. Five individuals were elected to the Association's Board of Directors, including Arlen Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.; Doug Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa; Darrell Silveira, Firebaugh, Calif.; Jim Sitz, Harrison, Mont.; and Gordon Stucky, Kingman, Kan.

More than 360 elected delegates from 40 states, the District of Columbia and Canada represented American Angus Association members and conducted the business of the Association during the Annual Meeting and election. The meeting was 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. Commemorative activities were also conducted to celebrate the Association's 125th anniversary.

## The president

King is a lifelong resident of Illinois. He and his wife, Chris, as well as their children and families, reside in Rock Falls. King owns and operates Sandrock

Farms-Sauk Valley Angus with his daughter and son-in-law.

Sauk Valley Angus hosts two production sales annually and has been enrolled in Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) since 1992. Ten Sauk Valley-owned cows reached Pathfinder® status in the 2008 *Pathfinder Report*. The Angus herd was one of the first to be enrolled in the University of Illinois Beef Performance Testing Program.

The farm also includes more than 10,000 acres of row crops, vegetables and forages.

Youth programs are important to King. He was active in 4-H and served as a district and state officer in FFA. He was a charter member of the Illinois Junior Angus Association and served on its first board of directors. Both of his children were also active in the junior Angus programs and represented Illinois in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

During his term on the Association Board, King has served on numerous committees as well as the boards of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), Angus Productions Inc. (API) and the Angus Foundation.

As Association president and chairman of the Board, King will serve as chairman of the Executive Committee and will work closely with all directors to lead the Board during the next year.

## The vice president

Bill Davis, the Association's newly elected vice president and vice chairman of the Board, recently completed a

year as treasurer and his second three-year term on the Board. He and his wife, Jennifer, operate Rollin' Rock Angus near Sidney, Mont. He is a past director of the Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana Angus Association, in addition to being past director and president of the Montana Beef Performance Association.

As vice president and vice chairman, Davis will serve on the Executive, Breed Improvement, Finance & Planning, and Information & Data Management committees. He will also serve as chairman of the API Board and is on the CAB Board.

## New directors

• **Arlen Sawyer** owns and operates A&B Cattle in Bassett, Neb. Sawyer represents the fourth generation of his family to farm and raise cattle; the family has celebrated the farm's centennial. He was active in Block and Bridle, Little International, Rodeo Club and the livestock judging team at South Dakota State University, where he received a degree in agricultural economics in 1975.

He and his wife, Becky, purchased land near Bassett and continued to grow their own herd of cattle while managing K Plus Angus Ranch and later Premier Angus and Silver Plume Angus. Since 1990, A&B Cattle has conducted a yearly bull sale and now oversees more than 500 cows.

• Dedicated to the Angus youth, **Doug Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa, has served as co-chairman of the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) twice and

as Iowa Junior Angus Association co-advisor. He and his wife, Glenda, were named NJAA Advisors of the Year in 2006.

The Schroeders own and operate Schroeder Angus, which consists of 125 registered cows and more than 900 acres. They also manage 5,000 head of hogs annually through Rose Ave Pork. He began working for Pioneer International Hybrid after earning an agriculture business degree from Kirkwood Community College.

• Hailing from rich soils in Firebaugh, Calif., **Darrell Silveira** of Silveira Bros. raises cattle, alfalfa, wine grapes and almonds. For more than 34 years, Silveira has been in the ranching business and served on numerous agriculture-related boards throughout California. He helped develop a specialized alfalfa seed that is marketed in America and internationally through a seed company he created. Silveira was instrumental in developing outlets for California breeders to showcase their programs through the annual California Angus Days female show and sale and a bull sale targeted for smaller-scale producers. He attended California Polytechnic State University.

• Upon completion of his business and agricultural management degree at Brigham Young University, **Jim Sitz** returned home to his family's ranches near Harrison and Dillon, Mont. They market more than 900 bulls each year through annual sales and are among the top in the nation for yearly registrations with the American Angus Association.



Newly elected officers and directors of the American Angus Association include (standing, from left) directors Darrell Silveira, Firebaugh, Calif.; Doug Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa; Arlen Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.; Jim Sitz, Harrison, Mont.; and Gordon Stucky, Kingman, Kan.; (sitting, from left) Bill Davis, Sidney, Mont., vice president and vice chairman of the Board; Jay King, Rock Falls, Ill., president and chairman of the Board; and Joe Hampton, Mount Ulla, N.C., treasurer.



Doug Fee, CEO of the Canadian Angus Association, invited producers to attend the World Angus Forum in Calgary, Alta., Canada, July 13-16, 2009. For more information visit [www.worldangusforum.com/wafhome.html](http://www.worldangusforum.com/wafhome.html).

Sitz Angus Farm had 94 cows reach Pathfinder status in 2008.

Sitz has served on the Montana Beef Council, Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana Angus Association, and he currently serves on the Rocky Mountain Supply Agribusiness Board.

• **Gordon Stucky**, Kingman, Kan., was re-elected to a second term on the American Angus Association Board of Directors. His family owns and manages the more than 500-cow operation at Stucky Ranch. They sell 175 registered Angus bulls and 100 females yearly.

Stucky is a 1981 graduate of Kansas State University (K-State). He is active in his community and with state programs and has been appointed to several positions in his role as a Board member, including the Product Enhancement Committee at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). Stucky is also the chairman of the annual 1,000-head commercial Angus female sale sponsored by the Kansas Angus Association.

For more detailed biographies of the newly elected Directors, see pages 72-76 of the October 2008 *Angus Journal*.



**Editor's note:** *The following assignments were made at the Nov. 18 regularly scheduled meeting of the American Angus Association Board of Directors.*

## BOARDS

**Certified Angus Beef LLC** — Rob Thomas, chairman; Bryce Schumann, vice chairman; John Stika, president; Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer; Bill Davis; Al DeClerk; Norman Garton; Joe Hampton; Robert Norton; and Steve Olson

**Angus Productions Inc.** — Bill Davis, chairman; Bryce Schumann, vice chairman; Terry Cotton, president; Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer; Chad Hoffman; Steve Olson; Jim Rentz; Gordon Stucky; Rob Thomas; and Cathy Watkins

**Angus Foundation** — Phil Trowbridge, chairman; Bryce Schumann, vice chairman; Milford Jenkins, president; Richard Wilson, secretary; Jarold Callahan; Joe Hampton; Jim Rentz; Arlen Sawyer; Doug Schroeder; and Cathy Watkins

**Angus Genetics Inc.** — Jarold Callahan, chairman; Bryce Schumann, vice chairman; Bill Bowman, president; Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer; Al DeClerk; Joe Hampton; Doug Parrett; Jim Sitz; Gordon Stucky; and Cathy Watkins

## COMMITTEES

**Executive** — Jay King, chairman; Bill Davis, vice chairman; Jarold Callahan; Joe Hampton; Rob Thomas; and Phil Trowbridge

**Breed Improvement** — Jarold Callahan, chairman; Cathy Watkins, vice chairwoman; Bill Davis; Joe Hampton; Jim Sitz; Gordon Stucky; Rob Thomas; and Phil Trowbridge

**Activities** — Al DeClerk, chairman; Jim Rentz, vice chairman; Chad Hoffman; Steve Olson; Doug Schroeder; Arlen Sawyer; Rob Thomas; and Phil Trowbridge

**Information & Data Management** — Gordon Stucky, chairman; Norman Garton, vice chairman; Jarold Callahan; Bill Davis; Joe Hampton; Darrell Silveira; Jim Sitz; and Cathy Watkins

**Finance & Planning** — Joe Hampton, chairman; Phil Trowbridge, vice chairman; Jarold Callahan; Bill Davis; Jim Rentz; Doug Schroeder; Darrell Silveira; and Cathy Watkins

**Industry Relations** — Rob Thomas, chairman; Steve Olson, vice chairman; Al DeClerk; Norman Garton; Chad Hoffman; Arlen Sawyer; Jim Sitz; and Gordon Stucky

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS

**NCBA Representative** — Phil Trowbridge

**NCBA Committee Appointments** — Beef Production Research, Joe Hampton; Product Enhancement, Norman Garton; International Markets, Chad Hoffman

**Chaplain** — Steve Olson

**Parliamentarian** — Paul Donnelly

