



## **June 2013 Board Meeting Highlights**

New Directors Tammi Ribey (Ontario) and Bob Hahn (Alberta) as well as Director Elect David Sibbald (Alberta) attended their first board meeting.

Directors Tom McDonald (Ontario), David Bolduc (Alberta) and Cecilie Fleming (Alberta) retired from the Board.

Kevin Blair was confirmed as President and Corinne Gibson was chosen as President Elect. Gary Latimer has moved into the Past President role. The Board modified the process for confirmation of president and election of the new president elect so these could be announced at the annual general meeting.

Directors reported lots of questions from members about the Association's export promotion in Russia and Kazakhstan. The Canadian Angus Association is not and will not be involved in buying and selling cattle or locating cattle for exporters. The Association will continue to promote Canadian Angus genetics internationally, especially when invited to do so by provincial and federal governments. If members are interested in having their cattle and/or genetics exported, they should contact exporters directly. The Association does not and will not create a list of members who wish to be contacted by exporters, nor will the Association promote individual breeders to exporters.

The Board committed to developing a formal three-year plan for ownership linkage. This is a formal way to connect with members to ensure concerns are being brought to the Board's attention.

The Board has contracted with an expert to review their policies. It has been several years since the policies have been thoroughly reviewed and changes have rendered some policies redundant. They will be spending time reviewing and revising the policies at their next meeting. Time invested at the next meeting will allow the Board to spend less time reviewing policies at subsequent meetings and allow them to focus on future planning and Association visioning.

The Board created a Governance Committee, comprised of new Directors Tammi Ribey, Bob Hahn and David Sibbald. This committee will monitor the Board's compliance with policy governance and help the Board to operate efficiently.

Jim Colodey and Corinne Gibson were appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Angus Foundation. Further, David Bolduc, Doug Fee, Cecilie Fleming, Mabel Hamilton,

Sylvia Jackson, Betty Lou Scott, Rob Smith, Belinda Wagner, Kirk Wildman and Erika Easton were approved as additional Directors on the Canadian Angus Foundation Board.

The Board directed the CEO to assure greater reporting through the linkages with the Canadian Angus Foundation and Canadian Junior Angus Association. Through their existing policies regarding Financial Planning and Financial Condition, the Board expects the CEO's provided financial reports at each meeting to include financial reports from each of the CJAA and CAF as well as each annual budget.

The CEO was asked to create a plan that will allow every member to be represented in Angus Central, the national headquarters. The Board will review the plan at their next meeting and the initiative(s) will be launched at the grand opening of Angus Central on December 11.

Future board meetings were set for September 22–24, 2013 and January 29–31, 2014.