



Convention 2016 Board Meeting Highlights

1. The Board of Directors met at Hotel Le Concorde in Quebec City, Quebec, in conjunction with the Canadian Angus National Convention Wednesday, June 8th through Sunday, June 12th.
2. David Sibbald of Calgary, AB, was elevated from the position of President Elect to President.
3. Tammi Ribey of Paisley, ON moved into the Past President position.
4. Brett Wildman of Sangudo, AB, was chosen as President Elect.
5. Past President Corinne Gibson of Fir Mountain, SK, retired from the Board.
6. Dale Easton of Wawota, SK assumed his duties as a member of the Board of Directors following the annual general meeting.
7. Bob Hahn of Sherwood Park, Alberta began his second three-year term following the annual general meeting.
8. Canadian Angus received federal approval of the proposed bylaw changes voted on by the membership in 2015. All were approved except for the proposed amendment to notify members of the annual general meeting via the Canadian Angus Association website. Notice of the annual general meeting must continue to be made in writing and mailed to members.
9. The Board reported positive feedback from members on both the fall Membership Directory and the spring Bull Buyer's Guide. Members are pleased that the collaboration required no financial investment from the Canadian Angus Association. The CEO reported that the agreement included profit sharing and that the Association generated revenue from these ventures.
10. In recognition of the additional expenses associated with hosting the national show, CAA will make a financial grant available to each region that hosts the national show.
11. The Board discussed the role that Canadian Angus can play in animal care and determined that the Association's role is to keep our members informed of best practices in animal care.
12. Canadian Angus continues to pursue a live registration system in which members will be able to generate a registration number when an application for registration is submitted online. Payment is required at the time of application for registration, so the Association must first pursue an online payment system. It is anticipated that live online registration will launch in 2017.

13. Both the Association and Board have received requests for a Canadian Angus smartphone app. Canadian Angus is collaborating with industry on a multi-use app for all industry sectors. More information will be reported as it becomes available. Our database provider, ABRI, has a smartphone app called INSolutions for members who wish to access the herdbook from their mobile devices.
14. One year after announcing the Commercial Angus Identification and Performance Program, CAIPP was formally launched at Cattlemen's Connection Day by Taylor Isley, CAA CAIPP Coordinator and David Saretsky of Cantriex Livestock International Inc. Read the press release [here](#).
15. The Business Development Team was officially launched during Cattlemen's Connection Day. This new model replaces the field service program. The team is comprised of Brian Good, Senior Director of Business Development BC & Alberta; Bob Toner, Director of Business Development Saskatchewan & Manitoba; Cheryl Hazenberg, Director of Business Development Eastern Canada. Read more about the Business Development team [here](#).
16. During the annual general meeting, CEO Rob Smith announced the New Generation Breeder Development program featuring new part-time staff member Nate Marin, Director of New Generation Breeder Development. Read more about this initiative [here](#).
17. Jordan Cleland of Jordan Cleland Consulting Inc., a communications, government and public relations, development and strategy practice, facilitated the CAA Board and regional association representative Joint Working Session. The group discussed the new Business Development Team and how it differs from the previous field services model as well as the New Generation Breeder Development Program. Ideas for working together to advance the Angus breed were brainstormed.
18. Canadian Angus staff presented ideas for a national Angus mentorship program that will be part of the New Generation Breeder Development program. Details of the mentorship program will be announced to members in the coming months.
19. Meeting dates for 2016–2017 were set as follows:
 - Sunday, September 25th to Tuesday, September 27th, 2016 at Angus Central
 - Sunday, January 22nd to Tuesday, January 24th at Angus Central
 - 2017 National Convention—Wednesday, June 7th to Sunday, June 11th, 2017 in Brandon, MB
20. The Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors approved the appointment of Directors David Bolduc, Jim Colodey, Kirk Wildman, Erika Easton, Sylvia Jackson and Noreen Blair to the Canadian Angus Foundation Board of Directors for a two year term, from 2016 to 2018. Shawn Birmingham, Tracey Willms and Tammi Ribey will continue as the CAA Board representatives on the CAF Board.
21. At the Convention Banquet, Michaela Chalmers of Oro-Medonte, ON was named the 2016 Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador.
22. Ryan Currie of Bristol, QC and Shawn Birmingham of Brandon, MB were both selected as 2016 Outstanding Young Angus Breeders. Read more about the awards [here](#).

23. The fifth Building the Legacy fundraiser auction sale was held following Saturday night's Convention Banquet. The sale raised a record of more than \$172,000. Read more about the sale [here](#).