

Board Meeting Highlights
October 23–25, 2011

1. The Board of Directors met in Calgary, Alberta on October 23, 24 and 25.
2. The Board did some strategic work evaluating the Ends or priorities of the Canadian Angus Association. They will follow up this work at their meeting in February.
3. The Board adopted a vision statement for the Association which reads: “The Canadian Angus Association exists to preserve and expand the Angus breed to provide the best opportunities for profitability for future generations.” This statement was proposed as a new mission statement with the bylaw amendments earlier this year. It was passed by the membership but rejected by the Minister so will serve as the CAA Vision Statement.
4. The Board chose to make the electronic registration incentive discount a permanent feature of the fee schedule. This means that spring calving herds may register their calves born in the current calendar year on or before July 15 and fall calving herds may register their calves born in the current calendar year on or before December 15 for \$15 regardless of the age of the calf at the time of registration provided the registration is submitted electronically.
5. The Board of Directors approved an increase in the fee for pedigree extract services. Effective immediately, pedigree extract requests with registration numbers sent electronically will be subject to a fee of \$2.50 each, an increase from the current rate of \$2 each. This fee increase is in line with the Association’s goal of cost recovery for all services offered.
6. The Board passed a resolution that all Canadian Angus Association members who sell under the standard terms and conditions of the Canadian Angus Association, including the Breeder’s Guarantee Guidelines, must disclose genetic defect status, red carrier status and Elite Cow status. Non-compliance would be subject to one warning with a \$500 fine on subsequent violations. All Canadian Angus Association activities and services would be suspended until the fine is paid.
7. Effective January 1, 2012, Canadian Angus Performance Program members will be charged \$25 per performance herd to cover the cost of enhancements to the program, including but not limited to, more frequent genetic evaluations; including genomic information in evaluations; and adding index EPDs. Canadian Junior Angus Association members who participate on the Canadian Angus Performance Program will not be charged this fee.

8. Effective January 1, 2012, the Canadian Angus Association will begin transitioning to SNP parentage verification. Microsatellite testing via DNA will continue to take place for a period of time. The fee and additional information will be communicated to members as soon as it is known.
9. The Board adopted the following strategy to reduce the size of the Board to 10 directors:
 - Alberta will not fill Kirk Wildman's position when he retires from the Board in 2012
 - Roger Hardy and Shane Castle are eligible for re-election in 2012. Saskatchewan will choose one director for the 2012–2015 term
 - Cecilie Fleming retires from the Board and David Bolduc is eligible to run for re-election in 2013. Neither of these vacancies will be filled.
 - Saskatchewan will not fill the vacant Director position when Kevin Blair retires from the Board in 2013.
10. The Board has chosen to make registration of herd names mandatory as of January 1, 2013.
11. As of January 1, 2013, it will be mandatory to use the registered herd name in each animal name. The placement of the registered herd name will also be standardized to be the prefix of the calf name, so that the herd of origin is always identifiable.
12. Any Canadian Angus Association member who uses an on-farm software program will be charged \$80 for a herd data extract. The herd data extract is a one-time expense that involves exporting herd data from the Canadian Angus Association herdbook for the software program.
13. The next Board meeting will be February 17–18 in Regina, Saskatchewan.