



January 2016 Board Meeting Highlights

1. The Board of Directors met at Angus Central Monday, January 25th and Tuesday, January 26th. They began their meeting the evening of Sunday, January 24th with an information session about the Canadian Angus Association Performance Program.
2. The Board discussed their goals for the 2015 Joint Working Session between the CAA Board of Directors and regional representatives that will take place at Convention.
3. The Board also discussed the results of the member satisfaction survey. They are encouraged by the number of responses received and by the level of satisfaction indicated.
4. The Board modified its policies governing meetings and shows to ensure that they approve the location of the national show and the CAA Annual General Meeting for the following year at their first board meeting of each year. The Board of Directors has the final say in approving a region's suggested location.

The Board has already approved Brandon, Manitoba as the location for Convention 2017 but the location of the 2017 National Show has not yet been set.

5. Testing for the genetic condition Oculocutaneous Hypopigmentation (OH) has been added to the fee schedule so that free and carrier animals may be identified as per Resolution 2013-77.
6. CEO Rob Smith and member and Past President David Bolduc were selected to officially represent the CAA at the Canadian Beef Breeds Council for the 2016–17 year.
7. The Board reviewed the Association's bylaws to see if there were any issues or concerns. After the significant changes that members voted upon last year, the Board did not see any need for further changes.
8. The Board's Governance Committee updated a document that will be provided to anyone who expresses interest in serving on the Board of Directors. This document outlines policy governance, the system of governance that the CAA Board follows as well as the expectations of Directors. The document will be made available on the CAA website in February.
9. The initial schedule for Convention in Quebec City was approved and updated information will be available to members soon.

10. In the Fall, the Board put out a request for bids to conduct the Association's annual audit. The Board has selected KPMG and signed a five-year contract. There was a significant cost savings to the Association through this process.
11. Four CAA staff and Michael Latimer, Canadian Beef Breeds Council Executive Director have been appointed as scrutineers to count ballots with CEO Rob Smith in the upcoming elections for one CAA Director from each of Alberta and Saskatchewan.
12. A recommendation from the Joint Working Session at Convention in 2015 was for the creation of a mentorship program. CAA staff will be working on such a program and the Board of Directors has expressed interest in serving as mentors.
13. President Elect David Sibbald provided a report on his recent connection with Tom Brink, CEO of the Red Angus Association of America. He believes there is a great deal of opportunity for collaboration with RAAA.
14. The CAA President (currently Tammi Ribey) and Chair of the Board's Ownership Linkage Committee (currently Trevor Welch) will hereafter participate in the CAA-Regional Association quarterly teleconference meetings to help the board gather membership input provided by the regional contacts.
15. The Board has a new ownership linkage question to pose to the membership:
What are future opportunities that you would like to see the CAA be in a position to take advantage of?
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