



Winter 2017 Board Meeting Highlights

1. The Board of Directors met at Angus Central Sunday, January 22nd–Tuesday, January 24th.
2. The existing Fee Schedule (as of January 1st, 2015) shall remain in effect and ACE will come into effect on January 1st, 2018 **as a VOLUNTARY program**. The opportunity to enroll your cow herd on “ACE” will be a new addition to the Fee Schedule at the rate of \$65/cow. Further information will be provided throughout this year to help members choose if they want to take advantage of this exciting and optional new initiative.
3. Past President Tammi Ribey is also serving as the Vice Chair of the Canadian Beef Industry Conference. She reported that CBIC 2017 will take place August 15–17 at the BMO Centre on Stampede Park in Calgary.
4. The Board discussed goals and suggestions for the Joint Working Session with the regional associations at Convention.
5. The Board continued a discussion about breeding goals begun at the Fall 2016 meeting. Animal Registration Officer David Trus suggested that all breed associations should have defined, determined breeding goals. The purpose of defining breeding goals is to identify values, help market the Angus breed, update the member value proposition, etc. The Board will discuss this topic again at the Convention meeting.
6. President David Sibbald and CEO Rob Smith were selected to represent Angus on the Canadian Beef Breeds Council for 2017–2018.
7. The Board approved the schedule for Convention, to be held in Brandon, Manitoba, June 7–11. Members can expect details to be announced soon.
8. The Board reviewed a preliminary list of members who may qualify for 50-year long-term recognition awards. CAA staff will conduct further research and contact families who may qualify next month.
9. A teleconference has been scheduled for the Board to review the Canadian Angus Association financial statements with auditors KPMG. The Board participates in this review every year; it is part of their fiduciary responsibility.
10. The Board approved the location of Convention 2018. The specific location in BC will be announced at Convention 2017.

11. The locations of the 2017 and 2018 National Shows were set as Farmfair in Edmonton and Agribition in Regina respectively.

12. The spot test section of the DNA Parentage Verification Policy has been modified as follows:

In an effort to ensure that the parentage of registered animals is correct and to maintain breed purity, the Canadian Angus Association verifies the parentage of every 200th registered animal. When an animal is chosen, the Association will notify the owner and a DNA parentage test will be done.

If the spot test confirms parentage, the Canadian Angus Association will pay for the test. If a parentage error is discovered, the member will be charged for the spot test and must complete an additional spot test also at their expense. In addition, for every parentage test that reveals an error, the member must complete additional spot tests, doubling the number of tests for each error.

Hair samples will be required on both the dam and the calf. If the DNA parentage markers for the sire are not already on file, they will be required as well. Test samples must be submitted within 6 months of notification or the member's account will be suspended and the member will pay for one additional parentage test for each outstanding test.