



Convention 2018 Board Meeting Highlights

1. Convention was held in Comox, BC June 7th–10th, hosted by BC Angus.
2. The Board of Directors spent the evening of Tuesday, June 5th engaged in teambuilding and brainstorming activities with the four new directors, Tom deWaal from BC, Brian Geis from Alberta, Mike Howe and Sheldon Kyle from Saskatchewan.
3. The brainstorming activities that the Board engaged in included working to develop:
 - A Board education plan
 - A governance process compliance plan to ensure that the Board is compliant with the policies that govern their work and behaviour
 - A formal three-year ownership linkage plan for engaging with members on an ongoing basis; and
 - An enhanced Board recruitment strategy that the Board hopes to enact later this summer.
4. The Board got an advance demonstration of AngusNOW, the new online registration system that will provide instant online services to members starting July 1st.
5. Effective July 1st, CAA registration certificates will indicate for animals' potential to inherit causative mutations for the genetic conditions that we monitor and test for. This is consistent with the American Angus Association's practice and has been requested by Canadian Angus members.
6. Also effective July 1st, CAA will begin publishing a single Canadian Angus genetic evaluation instead of separate evaluations for Red Angus and Black Angus cattle. Instead of publishing black and red breed averages, we will now publish a Canadian Angus breed average for each trait that our EPDs measure. Black Angus cattle will continue to receive all of the black EPDs that they currently do and Red Angus cattle will continue to receive all of the EPDs that they currently do, and CAA will continue to investigate new EPD opportunities for both black and red cattle.
7. As part of 100th anniversary celebrations for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in 2022, the rotation schedule for our Canadian Angus National Show has been adjusted so that Ontario can host. The national show rotation for the next few years will thus be:
 - 2018—open for bids (the Board approved the bid from Manitoba Angus for Brandon, MB)
 - 2019—Ontario
 - 2020—Saskatchewan (Canadian Western Agribition's 50th anniversary)

2021—Alberta

2022—Ontario (RAWF's 100th anniversary)

2023—Saskatchewan

2024—open for bids

2025—Alberta

8. As requested by a member, the Board discussed providing EPDs to commercial (unregistered) cattle. After careful consideration, the Board chose not to change the current approach; animals must be registered and the member must participate on the Canadian Angus Performance Program to receive EPDs. The Board believes that a cow with non-registered offspring should provide enough information about her production; adding exactly what that calf's production is doesn't add value.
9. Thursday afternoon, the Board met with the Canadian Angus Foundation Board of Directors, regional association representatives and CAA staff in the Angus Partners' Joint Working Session. The session focused on sharing regional best practices and the role that regional associations can play in enacting the new strategic plan.
10. The President's Reception hosted by President Brett Wildman was held Thursday evening at Shelter Point Distillery. Spirit Master Brian provided informative, educational and highly entertaining tours. A few guests booked helicopter tours which were a great experience despite somewhat windy and cloudy conditions.
11. Commercial Cattlemen's' Day on Friday offered breeders numerous opportunities for engagement and education. Forty-four individuals participated in morning and afternoon Verified Beef Production Plus sessions, 10 of whom became new applicants to the program taking the first step to becoming certified. In total over 150 people attended the information sessions with the theme of "Sustainability".
12. Parallel to the VBP+ session was a keynote speaker and sustainable agriculture panel discussion. Keynote speaker Bruce Vincent from the logging industry out of Libby, Montana spoke to producers about the importance of social licence and advocating for ourselves as stewards of the land and activists for the environment and animal welfare. He touched on struggles that he experienced during the "Timber Wars" in the US and things that he would encourage people to think about moving forward. Bruce Vincent proved to be a highlight of the convention for many people as they sent him on his way with a standing ovation.
13. The Sustainable Agriculture Panel was chaired by the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef's Community Engagement Manager, Andrea White. The CRSB's objective is to promote sustainability across the Canadian beef industry through three pillars of focus: environmental, social and economic performance. Andrea was joined by Jeff Fitzpatrick-Stilwell, Senior Manager, North America Engagement, Strategy and Innovation Global Sustainability, McDonald's Corporation; Hubert Lau, Co-President of BIXS Inc. and ViewTrak Technologies Inc.; Gunneesh Bhandal, Sustainability Manager of Cargill Protein; and Stephen Hughes, Canadian Angus producer, Chinook Ranch; to discuss the Canadian Beef Sustainability Acceleration (CBSA) Pilot. The goal with this pilot is to help make

Canada the first country to deliver beef from certified sustainable sources, establishing Canadian beef as synonymous with sustainability in the global market.

14. BC Angus also arranged an optional afternoon aquaculture tour to Manatee Holdings at Geoduck Clam Fishery, Deep Bay Marine Field Station and Wayward Distillery House.
15. Friday evening ended with a barbecue and dance hosted by the Chappell family at Heart of the Valley Farms. 171 Canadian Angus members and well over 200 people enjoyed the hospitality of that fun, inspired evening. Attendees were greeted by John Watson, Executive Director of the Comox Valley Economic Development Society and Comox Mayor Paul Ives. Convention fell during the BC Seafood Festival, and barbecue attendees were served delicious fresh BC salmon, prawns and mussels as well as Angus rib steaks.
16. Saturday morning opened with Dan Darling, Past President of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association, from Castleton, ON gave an excellent overview of their current activities and priorities, including a detailed update regarding our national body's work on foreign trade. We are fortunate to be so well served by industry leaders like Dan.
17. The CAA leadership team, CEO Rob Smith, Member Value Team Leader Carmen Koning, Member Service Team Leader Kajal Devani and Administration Team Leader Tina Zakowsky, presented the new [Canadian Angus strategic plan](#). This is our first CAA strategic plan to be member-driven, thanks to extensive member engagement specifically for this purpose throughout 2017. The informative session closed with President Brett Wildman and CEO Rob Smith answering member questions in an open forum.
18. A special presentation commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Red Angus registrations in the Canadian Angus herdbook followed the strategic plan launch. Joe Willmott, son of former CAA General Manager and Past President (1970 and 1985) John Willmott; 51-year CAA member and Past President (2003) Don Mackenzie and President Brett Wildman shared highlights and memories of the Canadian Red Angus journey since 1968.
19. The Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador competitors gave their speeches on Saturday morning. Each spoke about their future role in the agriculture industry.
20. The 112th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Angus Association and the Canadian Angus Foundation's 24th Annual General Meeting were held in the afternoon.
21. Noreen Blair, Kirk Wildman, Sylvia Jackson, Raina Syrnyk, Jackie Brown, Susan McKinnon, Cecilie Fleming, Tammi Ribey, Lorraine Sanford, and CAA Board of Directors representatives Shawn Birmingham, Brian Geis and Ryan Currie were appointed to the Canadian Angus Foundation Board of Directors.
22. Following the AGM, Trevor Welch stepped into the role of President as Brett Wildman stepped into the role of Past President. Bob Hahn was announced as President Elect. New Directors Tom deWaal of British Columbia replaced retiring director Lorraine Sanford; Brian Geis of Alberta replaced retiring director and Past President David Sibbald; and Mike Howe and Sheldon Kyle of

Saskatchewan replaced retiring directors Dave Johnson and Tracey Willms. See the press release at <https://cdnangus.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/New-Board-Executive-2018.pdf>

23. Following the prime rib National Convention banquet, the Canadian Angus Association presented 50-year Heritage Awards to Doug Houghton of Houghton Ranch in Knutsford, BC; Clyde, Alberta's Jim Round of KBJ Round Farms and Gary Slezina of Lethbridge, Alberta. See the press release at <https://cdnangus.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Convention-Long-Term-Recognition-Awards-Presented-2.pdf>
24. The Canadian Angus Foundation presented three awards: Matthew McGillivray of Kamloops, BC was named Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador; Macy Liebreich of Radville, SK received the Dick Turner Memorial Award; and Karl and Kristine Sauter of Wawota, SK were selected as the Outstanding Young Angus Breeder. See the press release at <https://cdnangus.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-CAF-Awards.pdf>
25. The evening finished with Building the Legacy 7. Generous buyers and donors raised \$168,250 for the Canadian Angus Foundation. See the press release at <https://cdnangus.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/BTL-Sale-2018-1.pdf>
26. Sunday morning offered educational sessions including an EPD discussion led by Kajal Devani, Canadian Angus Member Service Team Leader, and a DNA workshop presented by Yee Ying Lock from Delta Genetics.
27. In the afternoon, 53 delegates enjoyed a sightseeing tour to Little Qualicum Falls, Cathedral Grove (an old growth forest), Coombs Old Country Market (also known as Goats on the Roof market), Morningstar Farm (home of Mooberry Wines and Little Qualicum Cheeseworks), and the Ship and Shore restaurant in Bowser, BC.
28. Future Board meeting dates were set as follows:
 - *September 30th–October 1st*
 - *January 20th–21st*
 - *2019 National Convention – June 4th–9th*
29. Members are invited to attend Convention 2019 in Drumheller, AB, hosted by Alberta Angus. Watch the invitation video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EuiW8EqKiU