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New Canadian Angus Association Board Members and Executive Announced at Annual General Meeting

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Comox, BC—The Canadian Angus Association is pleased to announce the new 2018–2019 board executive selected during the Canadian Angus National Convention in Comox, BC.

Trevor Welch of Glassville, NB was elevated from the position of President Elect to President. Brett Wildman of Sangudo, AB, moved into the Past President position and Bob Hahn was chosen as President Elect.

Welch is the fourth generation of his family to farm on their land. Garvie Mountain Angus is located in western New Brunswick in the small community of Glassville. He, his father Fred Welch and son Taylor Welch currently run around 30 mother cows, made up of purebred black Angus and Black Baldie commercial cows. With a growing land base, they plan to increase their herd to 50 cows within the next 2 years. Welch is a professional engineer and a licensed New Brunswick Land Surveyor by profession, and is the owner of Welch Surveys Ltd.

Wildman, elected in 2014, is the third member of his family to serve on the Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors executive. Brett's father David was President in 1990 and his brother Kirk was President in 2010. Brett Wildman owns and operates Wildman Livestock with his wife Traci and their daughter Paige in Sangudo, AB. He was raised in a purebred Angus operation and has worked as a herdsman and semen collector.

Bob Hahn was elected to the Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors in 2013 and was elected to a second term in 2016. He has operated HR Hahn Cattle Co. in Sherwood Park, Alberta since 2000. Prior to joining the Canadian Angus Association board, Hahn served on the Alberta Angus Association Board of Directors from 2008 through 2012. Hahn is also a chartered accountant with his own practice, Hahn & Houle Chartered Accountants.

In addition to the new executive, Tom deWaal was elected in the province of British Columbia to replace retiring director Lorraine Sanford; Brian Geis was elected in the

province of Alberta to replace retiring director and Past President David Sibbald; and Mike Howe and Sheldon Kyle were elected in the province of Saskatchewan to replace retiring directors David Johnson and Tracey Willms.

Tom deWaal of Prince George, BC was raised on a dairy farm. He attended the Reich World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa and started his auctioneering career selling livestock. In 2003 he purchased his first registered Angus cattle which has grown into today's Harvest Angus herd consisting of 120 mother cows. Tom and his wife Carolyn also run Central Interior Auctions Ltd. and Tom is serving as president of the BC Angus Association.

Sanford and her husband Alan operate Nine Mile Ranch near Quesnel, BC. They purchased the ranch in 1986 from Alan's parents and have replaced the dairy and Hereford herd with Angus and Simmental cattle. In 2001, Lorraine and Alan purchased a set of Red Angus females from Leachman Cattle Co. out of Montana. Those females became the foundation of their 80-head purebred Angus herd.

Geis was raised on a dairy farm in Barrhead, AB. His father artificially inseminated the dairy heifers to Angus bulls which comprised the commercial herd. He got into the purebred cattle business by purchasing purebred Angus cattle for 4-H. After growing the herd to more than 400 cows, Brian and his wife Kim dispersed their herd in 2012 but their son Robert is growing the herd once again.

Sibbald, his wife Mary Beth and sons Dylan and Adam operate SSS Red Angus which was established in 1972. Sibbald is a fifth-generation rancher and is also the President and Chairman of the Board of the Calgary Stampede and a Director on the board of the Canadian Beef Breeds Council. Sibbald was elected to the Board in 2013.

Howe, his wife Lisa and their twin sons Mason and Grady run a mixed family farming operation with his father and brother south of Moose Jaw. They currently run 320 Red Angus, Charolais and a few commercial cows. Howe has served on the Agribition Prospect Steer and Heifer show committee as well as the Canadian Red Angus Promotional Society and Saskatchewan Angus Association boards of directors.

Kyle operates Kenray Ranch near Redvers, SK with his family. They breed 250 head of Red Angus and Red Angus influenced females annually. Kyle also owns and operates an on-farm business, Kyle Farm & Ranch Supply that was founded in the spring of 2015. In addition, he has served on the local Co-op board of directors for two terms, sat on the Canadian Western Agribition Stock Exchange Committee and as a director on the Saskatchewan Angus Association where he has recently been elected president.

Johnson, his wife Anne and their oldest son Andrew and his wife Laurie farm just north of Peebles, Saskatchewan with Andrew and Laurie's four children. Johnson Livestock has been a family-owned cattle farm since 1905. Johnson has also served as a director on the Saskatchewan Angus Association board and has served on the local Co-op board.

Willms and her husband Bryan own and operate Wilbar Cattle Co. near Dundurn, SK. Wilbar has been raising registered Angus seedstock since 1963, making their children the fourth generation. Willms grew up on a commercial cow/calf ranch and purchased her first Red Angus heifer in 1989.

The Canadian Angus Association thanks Lorraine Sanford, David Sibbald, David Johnson and Tracey Willms for their extraordinary contributions and service.

In addition to the annual general meeting, Canadian Angus National Convention delegates have enjoyed:

- the President's Reception at Shelter Point Distillery Thursday evening
- Commercial Cattlemen's Day on Friday which included:
 - Verified Beef Production Plus program training
 - Keynote speaker Bruce Vincent
 - an agri-sustainability panel discussion moderated by Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef Community Manager Andrea White and featuring Jeff Fitzpatrick-Stilwell, Senior Manager, North America Engagement, Strategy, and Innovation Global Sustainability, McDonald's Corporation; Hubert Lau, Co-President BIXSCO Inc. and ViewTrak Technologies Inc.; Gurneesh Bhandal, Sustainability Manager, Cargill Protein; and Canadian Angus producer Stephen Hughes
 - a barbecue at Heart of the Valley Farms, hosted by the Chappell family

Saturday morning included an opportunity for delegates to visit with their elected board of directors over breakfast; a panel discussion with Canadian Cattlemen's Association Past President Dan Darling and Canadian Beef Cattle Research, Market Development and Promotion Agency Chair Linda Allison; the launch of CAA's new strategic plan; a celebration of 50 years of Red Angus registrations in the Canadian Angus herdbook; and the speech competition portion of the Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador Competition.

The Canadian Angus Association (www.cdnangus.ca) is a not-for-profit association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act. The Association represents more than 2,000 members across Canada for the purposes of registering and recording the pedigrees of purebred Angus cattle and promoting the breed across Canada. Its member-approved mandate is to maintain breed registry, breed purity and provide services that enhance the growth and position of the Angus breed.

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