



Convention 2019 Board Meeting Highlights

1. Bob Hahn was ratified to the position of President and Trevor Welch moved into the Past President role. Shawn Birmingham was chosen as President Elect.
2. The Board reviewed the index survey that was launched to members immediately after Convention. Directors will be contacting their bull customers to go through the survey with them and encourage others to do the same.
3. This year's election to choose a representative from Alberta to serve on the Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors was the first to utilize electronic voting. Directors were extremely disappointed in the 29% voter turnout which did not represent increased participation over the last Alberta election despite making the process far more accessible. On the positive side, the Board did not receive any negative feedback about the electronic voting process. Members were very impressed with how easy voting was.
4. At each meeting, the Board devotes some of their time to education. At this meeting they viewed a webinar that provided tips for making boards more effective including strategies for education, recruitment and accountability.
5. The American Angus Association invited the CAA board to their headquarters in St. Joseph, MO. The Board has accepted the invitation and the September meeting will be held at the AAA offices, tentatively set for September 22-25.
6. The Board reviewed their travel requirements and expectations and amended their policies to reduce the president's travel load and increase each director's requirement to attend regional events. Starting in 2019, directors will attend more regional events in their area and will attend fewer shows.
7. Directors also agreed to share the responsibility of writing reports for the Angus Advisor newsletter and regional and industry publications.
8. The CEO presented a number of new revenue generation ideas to the board. Directors provided feedback and direction and members can expect announcements about new programs and services starting this fall.
9. Brian Geis, Graham McLean and Ryan Currie were selected to represent the CAA board on the Canadian Angus Foundation Board of Directors.
10. A bylaw review working group was formed to conduct a thorough review and analysis of our bylaws and recommend changes. Any proposed changes to the bylaws will be presented to the membership for voting in early 2020.

11. The Board briefly discussed the recommendations from the floor. They will be added to the September meeting for discussion.

12. Meeting dates for the next year have been set as:

- Sunday, September 22 through Wednesday, September 25, Saint Joseph, MO, USA
- Sunday, January 26 through Monday, January 27
- 2020 National Convention – June 10–14

13. The Canadian Angus Foundation Board of Directors as suggested at the annual general meeting was approved as appointed:

Chair: Kirk Wildman (effective September 2019)

Past Chair: Cecilie Fleming (effective September 2019)

Directors for two-year term (2019–2020 and 2020–2021)

Brad Chappell, Courtenay, BC

Cecilie Fleming, Granum, AB

Wes Olynyk, Goodeve, SK

Tammi Ribey, Paisley, ON

Directors for one-year term (2019–2020)

Noreen Blair, Lanigan, SK

Jackie Brown, Calgary, AB

Sylvia Jackson, Caledon, ON

Susan MacKinnon, Vernon River, PEI

Raina Syrnyk, Ethelbert, MB

Kirk Wildman, Sangudo, AB

CAA board representatives:

Brian Geis

Ryan Currie

Graham McLean

Treasurer/CAF and CEO/CAA: Myles Immerkar

CAF Executive Director: Belinda Wagner