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## **New Canadian Angus Association Board Executive Announced at Annual General Meeting**

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**Rocky View County, AB**—The Canadian Angus Association is pleased to announce the new 2019–2020 board executive selected during the Canadian Angus National Convention in Drumheller, AB.

Bob Hahn of Sherwood Park, AB was elevated from the position of President Elect to President. Trevor Welch of Glassville, NB moved into the Past President position, and Shawn Birmingham of Brandon, MB was chosen as President Elect.

Hahn was elected to the Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors in 2013 and was elected for 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.

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 two years. Welch is a professional engineer and a licensed New Brunswick Land Surveyor by profession, and is the owner of Welch Surveys Ltd.

Birmingham and his wife Teresa operate TSN Angus Livestock. They calve approximately 250 females each year, 80 of which are purebred Black Angus. The remaining commercial cows are used as recipients for their embryo program. Shawn and Teresa's passion for the breed has been recognized on several occasions, including receiving the 2012 Manitoba Angus Purebred Breeder of the Year award as well as the 2016 Outstanding Young Angus Breeder award from the Canadian Angus Foundation.

In addition to the new executive, Dale Easton of Wawota, SK was acclaimed for a second term on the board and Brett Wildman of Sangudo, AB was elected to a second term.

Easton operates Eastondale Angus with his wife Shelly and their daughter Erika near Wawota. Eastondale Angus is a purebred cattle operation with approximately 180 females calving annually. Prior to joining the CAA board, Easton served on the Saskatchewan Angus Association Board of Directors for eight years. He was president from 2012–2014.

Wildman was elected to the board in 2014. He 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.

In addition to the annual general meeting, 2019 Canadian Angus National Convention highlights included:

- A social evening for early arrivals on Wednesday, June 6 at the Last Chance Saloon in Wayne
- the President's Reception on Thursday evening where the Canadian Angus Foundation's new 560-page history book, *The Breed, The Legends, The History* was unveiled
- The Farm/Ranch Trade Show on Friday and Saturday which were open to the public and featured 60 exhibitor booths. This is the first CAA Convention to incorporate a trade show.
- Numerous workshops and educational sessions including:
  - Verified Beef Production Plus program training
  - Panel discussions on what customers want and Canadian beef demand on the national and international stage
  - A Canada beef demonstration delicious samples courtesy of the Canadian Beef Centre of Excellence
  - AngusGS genomic technology
  - Tips for demonstrating and being recognized and rewarded for sustainability efforts
  - Effective vaccination programs
  - AngusINDEX presentation and discussion about CAA's initiative to develop economic selection indexes for members
  - Traceability update from the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency

Convention wrapped up Saturday evening with the National Convention Banquet and the Canadian Angus Foundation's largest annual fundraising initiative, Building the Legacy. About 30 people participated in a sightseeing tour on Sunday which included a behind-the-scenes tour of the Royal Tyrell Museum, a visit to Horse Thief Canyon and a wrap-up dinner at Bernie and the Boys, a local restaurant featured on the television show You Gotta Eat Here!

The Canadian Angus Association ([www.cdnangus.ca](http://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.



*2019–2020 CAA Board of Directors*

*Left to right: Brett Wildman, Sheldon Kyle, Tom deWaal, George Baxter, Dale Easton, CAA CEO Myles Immerkar, Mike Howe, Brian Geis, President Bob Hahn Past President Trevor Welch, Graham McLean, President Elect Shawn Birmingham*

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