



June 2021 Board Meeting & CAA AGM Highlights

1. The Board of Directors held a hybrid meeting on June 6 & 7 with some directors attending at the Canadian Angus Association office and some participating via Zoom. The AGM was held on June 10 via Zoom.
2. The new Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors executive was selected. Sheldon Kyle of Redvers, Saskatchewan was elevated from the position of President Elect to President. Shawn Birmingham of Brandon, Manitoba moved into the Past President position, and Graham McLean of Watford, Ontario was chosen as President Elect.
3. Incoming directors Doug Munton and Harold Reich in Alberta and Rob Garner in Saskatchewan participated in the meeting. They officially assumed their duties following the close of the AGM on June 10.
4. Following the AGM, Brian Geis in Alberta and Mike Howe in Saskatchewan as well as Past President and Alberta director Bob Hahn retired from the board of directors. They are thanked for their many contributions during their terms.
5. Recognizing how much our members have missed gathering in person, during the AGM we announced the Angus Extravaganza technical and networking event that will be held on Wednesday, August 25 at Angus Central in Rocky View County, Alberta, provided health and travel restrictions allow members from across the country to attend. More information will be provided in the weeks to come.
6. The Canadian Junior Angus national show, Showdown, will be a hybrid event this year with options for both in-person and virtual competitions. Cattle events are scheduled to take place August 26–27 in Olds, Alberta, pending government restrictions and regulations. More information will be announced in the coming weeks.
7. After being cancelled last year, the Canadian Angus Foundation's Building the Legacy fundraiser auction will return as an online sale in August.
8. Prior to the meeting the board participated in an orientation session to better understand the system of governance and board policies. As part of this session, directors completed some personality and skills assessments. They identified the board's strengths and weaknesses and will use this information in future recruitment for available director positions. Through changes to the governance structure and their relationship with the CEO, the board is pleased that the time spent in meetings has been shortened and they are able to spend more time discussing the future direction of the Canadian Angus Association.

9. The board of directors discussed the new strategic plan and the process for engaging with regional associations. We will be working with our regional associations to focus on our shared mission to advance the Angus breed through the programs and services that we offer. The 2022–2024 strategic plan will be shared this fall.
10. Several CAA programs were reviewed as part of the strategic planning process to ensure that these programs continue to meet the needs of both members and the Association.
11. To provide more timely information and updated performance data, the Canadian Angus Association will perform genetic evaluations twice per month, an increase from monthly evaluations, in the three peak months of the bull sale and spring season.
12. The Canadian Angus Foundation Board of Directors has been set for the following year as:
 - Terms expiring 2022
 - Brad Fournier
 - Chad Lorenz
 - Susan MacKinnon
 - Raina Syrnyk
 - Kirk Wildman
 - Terms expiring 2023
 - Wes Olynyk
 - Tammi Ribey
 - Brian Geis
 - Canadian Angus Association representatives
 - Dale Easton
 - Graham MacLean
 - Shawn Birmingham
 - Executive Director Belinda Wagner
 - Treasurer Myles Immerkar
13. The CEO provided an update on continued challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and continued staff efforts to adapt and work around these challenges. The one-on-one virtual AngusNOW workshops, for example, have proven very popular. By offering these workshops virtually, members from across Canada can participate and get guidance to successfully navigate the program.
14. The long-term recognition award program that recognizes 50, 75 and 100 years of continuous membership is being expanded to allow recognition of regional Angus associations and clubs who achieve these milestones.
15. CAA has developed a formal process for nominating Angus personalities to the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. Details will be in the Canadian Angus Mid-Year Review, coming to member mailboxes in July.
16. The bylaw revisions process continues. We are on track to have members vote on the revisions next year.

17. The annual general meeting was recorded and is available for viewing on the Canadian Angus Association YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwfhiXipl3g.

18. Future board meeting dates have been set as

- August 23–25, 2021 at Angus Central
- January 24–26, 2022 at Angus Central
- June 8–11, 2022 in Moncton, New Brunswick in conjunction with the Canadian Angus National Convention