



Canadian Angus Association 2026 Winter Board Meeting Highlights

1. The Board of Directors met Sunday, January 25th to Tuesday, January 27th at Angus Central in Rocky View County, AB.
2. CEO Myles Immerkar provided an update on core priorities for the 2025 year. Including registrations of 52,475, transfers at 18,548, with a total membership of 2,744. Leading to an increase of 7.7% in Parent Verification tests and 21% in AngusHD.
3. An overview of the 2025 sale season results was presented with a record set of a record-high average in bull sales, increasing 18% from the previous year and a strong 22% increase in female sales.
4. The Audit & Finance Committee presented the 2025 forecast, reporting positive results and achievement of the approved budget. The 2026 operating budget was presented and approved by the Board. In addition, the Committee completed an investment review and recommended a long-term investment strategy, which was supported by the Board.
5. The Board approved updates to pedigree policies from the Pedigree Committee, including new provisions for female syndications and enhanced genetic testing requirements. These updates require AngusHD and genetic condition testing for donor dams, AI-approved sires, and bulls applying for sire exemptions, effective April 1, 2026
6. The Governance Committee reviewed the 2026 Breeder Handbook, which is scheduled for release in early 2026. The Committee also discussed preparation for the 2026 Member Survey and upcoming opportunities to gather member feedback.
7. An update on the new property that has been purchased was provided, with a full presentation of the renovation design, archive display, selections, estimates and timelines. Board members were provided with a walkthrough afterwards prior to the renovation commencing at the end of the month.
8. Ashley Scott, General Manager from CCIA joined the Board to provide a comprehensive overview addressing misinformation, equip industry associations with the necessary resources and provide a comprehensive overview of the role of CCIA in the traceability changes approaching.
9. Director of Member Service, Mandi Tilleman provided an update on the AngusHOME database now that this project is nearing going live. Including new member communication

tools, and different ways to upload data - creating efficiencies both within the association and for members.

10. Genomics and Technical Support Advisor, Tessa Geier provided an update of the AngusWORKS on farm database. Noting the to-date numbers of producers and head were outlined as well as ongoing meetings with TELUS discussed that are keeping the database streamlined and on farm efficiencies at the forefront.
11. Cole Mueller, the Heifer Select Producer Support Advisor, provided an overview of the Sustainable CAP, RDAR funded program in conjunction with significant investments from our project partners. Mentioning event attendance, website updates, online workshops and videos and showcasing the interest in the program in the number of head enrolled increasing by 102% in the last year and the number of DNA samples that have been taken at 96.6% increase over the previous year.
12. Genomic Data Service Advisor, Lucia Sanguinetti, provided an update on the 4-year research project Developing Camera and AI Technology to Measure and Record Subjective Traits, Carcass Quality Traits and Health Traits For Angus Cattle funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP). The board was informed on trained classifiers, 2D and 3D mounting systems, project work plan and the extensive protocol that is required for the data collection of this project.
13. Kajal Latimer, Director of Science and Technology presented additional research projects underway with WAE and introduced projects that are still in infancy.
14. Each board member presented an overview of the successes and lessons learnt from each region for 2025 with plans of 2026.
15. The next board meeting is scheduled for June 25–27, 2026 in Kamloops, BC