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## Highlights from first Canadian Angus Association Convention since 2019

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**Rocky View County, AB**—There was much to celebrate at the first in-person Canadian Angus Association Annual General Meeting and National Convention since 2019. One hundred and forty-six people gathered in Moncton for the event that started with a Shediac Bay lobster tour cruise on Wednesday, June 8, and continued with networking opportunities, business meetings, educational sessions and presentations, wrapping up on June 10 with the annual general meeting and Convention banquet, followed by the tenth Canadian Angus Foundation Building the Legacy fundraiser auction.

### **New Board Executive**

Graham MacLean of Watford, ON was elevated from the position of President Elect to President. Sheldon Kyle of Redvers, SK moved into the Past President position, and Tom deWaal of Prince George, BC was chosen as President Elect.

### **New Directors**

In addition to the new executive, the Board welcomed three new directors, Blake Morton of Craigmyle, AB who replaces retiring director Brett Wildman of Sangudo, AB; Roger Reynolds of Emerald Park, SK who replaces retiring director Dale Easton of Wawota, SK; and Dallas Johnston of Brookdale, MB who replaces retiring director and past president Shawn Birmingham of Brandon, MB.

### **Convention Highlights**

In addition to the annual general meeting, 2022 Canadian Angus National Convention highlights included:

- Early arrivals enjoyed the Shediac Bay Cruises lobster tour and a fresh lobster supper
- The President's Reception on Thursday evening at Tide and Boar Gastropub, an award-winning pub named one of Canada's Top 50 restaurants by *Maclean's* magazine, one of Canada's Favorite Bars by Air Canada's *Enroute* and Featured on The Food Network's *You Gotta Eat Here*
- Representatives from all regions across Canada participated in a brainstorming and discussion meeting with the national board of directors exploring programs that focus on our common goals

- Educational sessions and guest speakers on Friday covering topics such as research projects, forage and grasslands management, cattle diets, nutrition and an update from Canada Beef followed by an evening social event at McSweeney's Dinner Theatre. Friday's sessions were livestreamed on Facebook and DLMS.ca.

The 116<sup>th</sup> Canadian Angus Association Annual General Meeting was held Saturday morning and was also livestreamed to an additional 62 viewers. CEO Myles Immerkar reported the best CAA financial results in the Association's 116-year history. The Association is well poised to meet future challenges. Membership reached 2,500 for the first time since 2014. Animal registrations increased 2% and CAA received the highest number of weaning and yearling weight submissions in its history. Fiscal responsibility has been CAA's priority for the last three years. Our focus and highest priority has been member service, and in 2021 thanks to diligent efforts to create efficiencies, we were able to accomplish more with less.

At the National Convention Banquet on Saturday evening, Tullamore Farms of Caledon East, Ontario was presented with a CAA Pioneer Award for 100 years of continuous membership. They are the fourth family in Canadian Angus history to receive this recognition. William Jackson, son of English immigrant Thomas Jackson and mayor of New Toronto for 22 years in the early 1900s, began raising Angus cattle in 1923. The family moved from New Toronto to Cooksville and to Tullamore as urban expansion enveloped their farmland. Son Tom Junior served for Canada in World War II and returned to farming with his father William and his young sons Bill and David after discharge. Tom Junior and his son Bill both served on the Ontario Angus and Canadian Angus boards. Tom Junior was Ontario Angus president 1960–1962 and Canadian Angus President in 1966. Bill was Ontario Angus president in 1984 and Canadian Angus president in 1992. Bill's wife Sylvia was a director with the Canadian Angus Foundation Board of Directors and served as Chair 2014 through 2017.

Certified Angus Beef presented Ranch Covey Hill of Havelock, QC with the Certified Angus Beef Canadian Commitment to Excellence Award. Certified Angus Beef will share an article and feature video on the family this fall.

About 50 people participated in a sightseeing tour on Sunday which included a bus trip across the Confederation Bridge, stops at a potato processing facility, Deep Roots Distillery, Cows Creamery, Anne of Green Gables Chocolates, Outstanding Young Angus Breeder James Worth's farm and supper at New Glasgow Lobster Suppers.

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 2,500 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.

## **About the Directors**

Birmingham, his wife Teresa and their three daughters operate 5B Farms near Brandon, MB. 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.

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.

Easton operates Eastondale Angus with his wife Shelly and their daughter Erika near Wawota. He was first elected to the board in 2016 and was acclaimed for a second term in 2019. Eastondale Angus is a purebred cattle operation that has operated for more than 50 years with approximately 180 females calving annually. Easton has recently retired from the Saskatchewan Angus Association Board of Directors after serving an eight-year term. He was president from 2012–2014.

Johnston operates DJ Cattle Co. near Brookdale, MB where he operates DJ Cattle Co with a herd of more than 40 purebred Black Angus cattle and another 25 commercial Angus-influenced cattle with his daughter and her husband. He has served on the Manitoba Angus Association board of directors, twice serving as president. Johnston also serves on the board of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba and is on the executive committee.

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 has served as a director and as president of the Saskatchewan Angus Association.

McLean and his brother Murray operate a purebred Angus cow herd, Melmac Angus Farms near Melbourne, Ontario with 35 cows. Their father Ron started the herd in 1974. They also grow corn and soybeans. McLean has served as president of the Melbourne Fair Board, Lambton County 4-H Association, Watford Optimist Club, Western Ontario Angus Association and Ontario Angus Association.

Morton operates Shiloh Cattle Company, a fourth-generation ranch in the Hand Hills Lake area with his partner Darcy Olesky and dad Merle Morton. Shiloh Cattle Company is competitive and successful in the show ring, but focuses on raising Red and Black Angus seedstock and Red

Angus-Simmental cross commercial cattle. Morton has served as a director with the Alberta Angus Association and was president in 2017–2020.

Reynolds is recently retired from the insurance business. He owns a small herd of Black Angus cattle and lives at Emerald Park, SK. Reynolds has also volunteered for a number of charities as well as Agribition.

Wildman, first elected in 2014, was 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. After completing his term as president, Wildman was elected for a second term in 2019. 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.



Graham McLean, President



Tom DeWaal, President Elect



Sheldon Kyle, Past President



Dallas Johnston



Blake Morton

New directors



*Bill and Sylvia Jackson of Tullamore Angus receive their 100-year Pioneer Award from CEO Myles Immerkar*

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