

Proposed Changes to Bylaws Reflect Breed Growth



These are exciting times in the Red Angus Association of America. Our breed of cattle is enjoying unprecedented (and well-deserved!) popularity, and we

are growing and maturing as a breed association.

In keeping with this breed and business growth, the RAAA Board of Directors and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, along with RAAA Legal Counsel, Scott Oliver, have reviewed

and updated the RAAA Bylaws to reflect current business practices and to make them relevant to future growth of our business.

These Bylaws will go before the membership for a vote at the 2016 Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Major points of change are:

- 1) Updating the Bylaws to serve our current and future business practices;
- 2) Reorganization of Bylaws and Rules and Regulations for clearer reference; and

- 3) Clarifying governance of the RAAA to protect our non-profit status.

To view the proposed Bylaws changes, log on to your member account in REDSPro and select the link named "RAAA Proposed_ByLaws_2016" on the right-hand side at the bottom.

For questions concerning the proposed Bylaws changes, please contact your RAAA Board or a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Thanks for your time and consideration, President Kim Ford

Convention to Spotlight Excellence and Progress

"Oklahoma, where the Red Angus Roam" is the theme for the 2016 National Red Angus Convention planned for Sept. 7 - 9, 2016, in Oklahoma City. With the spotlight on excellence and capturing additional dollars in the marketplace, Red Angus cattle raisers will not want to miss this information-packed, three-day event.



The Commercial Cattlemen's Symposium, "Putting Dollars in Your Pocket," on Wednesday, Sept. 7, will feature leading experts addressing opportunities in the beef industry to capture additional value through innovative marketing, nutritional considerations of the cowherd and the use of additional technology to improve profitability. Clint Rusk, head of the Oklahoma State University Animal Science Department, will serve as emcee for the session. Attendees will also hear from RAAA CEO Tom Brink, as he delivers the keynote address.

There is no charge for the Commercial Cattlemen's Symposium, although registration is requested to plan for the event. Lunch will be provided to Commercial Cattlemen's Symposium attendees, and the Convention Trade show will be open to visit with vendors. Please register online at redangus.org.

The convention business session begins Thursday morning and includes the

annual Red Angus Association of America update, committee reports and a keynote message from Dr. Tom Field, director of the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Friday, the RAAA business session will conclude with the election of the Board of Directors as well as honor excellence at the annual awards banquet that evening.

Full convention registration is \$295 per person and includes most meals, so-

cial and meeting breaks. Registration is available online at redangus.org.

Hotel headquarters is the Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel, 10 North Broadway Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. The Red Angus room rate is \$139 per night. Room reservations should be made directly with the hotel. The link to reserve rooms can be found at redangus.org/calendar/national-convention or by calling the hotel at 405-228-8000.

**Register online for the
2016 National Red Angus Convention
at redangus.org.**

Reserve your room at Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel, the convention headquarters, under the "Nat'l Red Angus Association" room block for \$139 per night (block held until Aug. 15).

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