



American Simmental Association

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OFFICIAL CALL

55th Membership Meeting of the American Simmental Association

The Annual Membership Meeting and Convention of the American Simmental Association will be held at the GranTree (1325 N 7th Ave), Bozeman, Montana, and virtually commencing at 7:00AM Mountain, January 25, 2023. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Membership Meeting on January 23–24, 2023, commencing at 8:00AM Mountain.

Annual Membership Meeting AGENDA

7:00AM Annual Meeting convenes

Chairman Barry Wesner presiding
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation

Chairman’s Welcome and Report Barry Wesner, Chairman
EVP’s Welcome and Report Wade Shafer, Executive Vice President

Committee Reports:

Activities & Events Tim Clark, Chairman
Breed Improvement Brandon Callis, Chairman
Finance Steve Eichacker, Chairman
Growth & Development Chris Ivie, Chairman
Policy & Procedures Victor Guerra, Chairman
Simbrah Randy Moody, Chairman
Introduction of the 2023 ASA Chairman . . . Barry Wesner, 2022 ASA Chairman
Nominating Committee Report Doug Parke, 2023 ASA Chairman
Installation of Newly Elected Trustees Doug Parke, 2023 ASA Chairman and
2022 ASA Chairman Barry Wesner.

Approval to accept 2023 Annual Meeting as presented

Adjournment

Registration to attend the Annual Meeting virtually is required.
Watch eNews and ASA’s website for details.

RULE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amendment to ASA Rule II § D.3.B(1)

Eligibility for Registration.

1. Only clones created via replication of cells shall be eligible for registration. ~~Genetically modified animals shall not be eligible.~~ A clone must meet all other applicable ASA standards for registrations.

Remove the words that have line through them and add ASA Rule II § D.4.

1. Only clones created via replication of cells shall be eligible for registration. A clone must meet all other applicable ASA standards for registrations.
4. Approval of the specific Gene Edited Founder shall be considered on a case-by-case basis and must meet the following requirements.
 - a. Entities submitting an application for registration of Gene Edited Founders are obligated to notify the ASA when an animal being submitted for registration is the result of gene editing. Entity must provide documentation to validate what allele was introgressed and where in the genome this occurred, and must confirm that it is present and functional in the animal that is being submitted for registration.
 - b. All documentation submitted to and received from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) must be provided to the ASA.
 - c. Gene Edited Founder animals must be parent verified to both sire and dam and genomically tested.
 - d. Part of the approval of the Gene Edited Founder will be investigation into DNA testing requirements for the introgressed DNA in the Gene Edited Descendants.
 - e. Gene Edited Founder will be indicated on the animal's registration certificate.
 - f. Designation of the Gene Edited Descendants will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Explanation of the Rule change: It is recommended for ASA to establish a policy for working with genome edits on a case-by-case basis. This is not a blanket policy for all edited animals and their descendants, but a policy describing a procedure to get an edited animal approved.

“Genome editing offers an approach to introduce targeted edits into the genome. It can be used to introduce targeted knock-outs of specific genes, or perform intraspecies allele substitutions using a donor template with endogenous DNA sequences. Both of these cases do not introduce novel DNA and resemble genetic variations that can be found in the cattle genome. It can also be used to introduce DNA from outside the range of variation found in the cattle genome using a donor template with exogenous DNA sequences, in which case the resulting animal carries exogenous or ‘trans-genic’ DNA and is a genetically engineered animal.” Beef Improvement Federations (BIF) Guidelines Wiki — Data From Gene Edited Animals.

Terms:

Gene Edited Founder: The original animal with the altered DNA.

Gene Edited Descendants: All descendants (progeny, grand progeny, and so on) of the Gene Edited Founder.

Introgressed: The transfer or introduction of genetic material from one species or genetic population to another.
