

ASA Board of Trustees' Candidate Eastern Region

FRED J. SMITH, Jr.

I am honored to be nominated as a Trustee for the Eastern Region of the American Simmental Association. As the current President of the NC Simmental Association and a NC cattle rancher, I am humbled to have the chance to serve our local cattlemen and generations to come. If elected, I will work with Simmental breeders to move forward using cutting edge information to improve the long-term stayability and profitability of the Simmental breed. It is important that we not only focus on the breed but also on instilling the foundation of cattle ranching in our youth.

Family:

Married to Ginny, and we have five children and eleven grandchildren. Our children have worked both on our family farm as well as our family business, and have now started construction or development related businesses of their own: Heather Smith (49); Fred Julius (Jule) Smith III (48); Amber Austin (47); Duval Smith (37); and Reid Smith (35).

Personal and Professional History:

Born: March 27, 1942

Parents: Fred Smith and Eudell Smith. Father was a teacher and coach at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh and then was Manager of the NC Baptist Assembly in Southport, NC. Mother was house mother at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh and then was a teacher and principal in the public schools in Garner and Wilmington.

Broughton High School, 1960

Wake Forest University, B.A. 1964, J.D., cum laude, 1966. (attended Wake Forest on a football scholarship)

North Carolina Bar-Admitted 1966

Captain, U.S. Army, JAGC, 1966-1970

1966-1968 Staff and Faculty at Judge Advocate General's School at Univ. of Virginia

1968-1970 Staff Judge Advocate, Pine Bluff Arsenal, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Army Commendation Medal: First Oak Leaf Cluster

Past Managing Partner, Smith Debnam Hibbert & Pahl, Attorneys and Counselors at Law

Johnston County Commissioner 2000-2002

North Carolina State Senate 2002-2008

Commercial Law League, Member Since 1970; President 1989-1990

Member, Board of Directors, Raleigh Rescue Mission

First Baptist Church of Clayton: Previous Chairman Board of Deacons; Superintendent of Sunday School; Sunday School Teacher.

President, Fred Smith Company

Owner, FSC Ranch, LLC

Cattle Involvement:

President, NC Simmental Association 1978 and 2017

President, NC Cattleman's Association 1982

I began breeding Simmental in the 1970's as ASA member #7263. We currently breed 350 SimAngus and Angus cows to produce bulls and females, which in 2017 were sold through the first Extra Effort Sale and as part of the cooperative team at RA Brown Ranch. Bulls and heifers are also sold by private treaty at the ranch.

Candidate Statement:

Strategic goals matter! As the saying goes, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there." It is important that Trustees have clear goals to improve the breed and serve its members as they work with the ASA management team. The Trustee's role is to develop and implement goals that focus on: Promoting the Simmental breed as part of the beef industry to provide wholesome protein to a growing global population; Educate and meet the needs of present members; Encourage and support youth involvement, and support the profitability and sustainability of its members farms and ranches. The ASA must deal with the disruptions and constant change that is inherent in the world we live in, and I have the training and the passion to help with this important task. I ask for your vote to allow me to be of service to the Association.