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Potato Growers Select 2012 NPC Leadership

Washington, D.C. – At the National Potato Council's (NPC) 2012 Annual Meeting, held January 6-7, 2012, in Orlando, Fla., Steve Crane of Exeter, Maine, was elected to serve as NPC's president for 2012 and to lead the Executive Committee.

NPC delegates also approved Randy Mullen of Pasco, Wash., as first vice president and vice president of the Legislative and Government Affairs Committee and Randy Hardy of Oakley, Idaho, as vice president of the Trade Affairs Committee. New members of the Executive Committee include Dwayne Weyers of Monte Vista, Colo., as vice president of the Finance and Office Procedures Committee, Dan Lake of Ronan, Mont., as vice president of the Environmental Affairs Committee, and Jim Tiede of American Falls, Idaho, as vice president of the Grower and Public Relations Committee. Justin Dagen of Karlstad, Minn., who served as NPC president in 2011, will continue to serve on the Executive Committee as the immediate past president.

The delegates also elected the 2012 Board of Directors. The Board members include:

California

Ed Staunton

Colorado

Miguel Diaz
Keith Holland
Mark Peterson
Harry Strohauser

Florida

Danny Johns

Idaho

R.J. Andrus
Clen Atchley
Todd Gerratt
Dean Gibson
Jeff Harper
Klaren Koopman
Steve Theobald
Kim Wahlen
Shane Webster

Maine

Brent Buck
Dominic LaJoie
Darrell McCrum

Michigan

Jason Walther
Tim Young

Minnesota

Justin Dagen
Jerry Larson

Montana

Sid Schutter

Nebraska

Joe Thompson

New Jersey

Bill Brooks, Jr.

New York

Ralph Child

North Carolina

Chris Hopkins

North Dakota

Keith McGovern
Brian Vculek

Ohio

Todd Michael

Oklahoma

Virgil Slagell

Oregon

Tony Amstad
Jim Carlson
Nels Iverson

Pennsylvania

Bryan Beck

South Dakota

Milt Carter

Washington

Jared Balcom
Ellie Charvet
Nelson Cox
Cully Easterday
Bob Halvorson
Darrin Morrison
Ted Tschirky

Wisconsin

Larry Alsum
Jim Wysocki
Jeremie Pavelski

NPC's Executive Committee and Board of Directors are comprised of U.S. potato growers, nominated by their state organizations, and elected by their peers.

As president, Crane will host the NPC Board of Directors Summer Meeting being held July 11-13, 2012, in Bar Harbor, Maine.

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The National Potato Council is the advocate for the economic well-being of U.S. potato growers on federal legislative, regulatory, environmental, and trade issues. Potato growers, along with the U.S. potato industry as whole, directly benefit from involvement in the National Potato Council. NPC supports the U.S. potato industry by monitoring issues affecting the strength and viability of the potato industry, influencing regulators and legislators on issues crucial to the industry's long term success, ensuring fair market access for potatoes and potato products, and bringing the unique issues and interests of diverse growing regions in the U.S. together on a national level. The National Potato Council is a voluntary organization supported by quota assessments from state organizations, allied industry memberships and sponsorships, and directly by potato growers through membership dues.