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Potato Growers Select 2014 NPC Leadership

Washington, D.C. – At the National Potato Council's (NPC) 2014 Annual Meeting, held January 10-11, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas, Randy Hardy from Hardy Farms in Oakley, Idaho, was elected to serve as NPC's president for 2014 and to lead the council's Executive Committee.

NPC delegates also approved Dan Lake from Ronan, Mont., as first vice president and vice president of the Environmental Affairs Committee. Additional members of the Executive Committee include: Nels Iverson of Woodburn, Ore., as vice president of the Finance and Office Procedures Committee; Jim Tiede of American Falls, Idaho, as vice president of the Legislative and Government Affairs Committee; and, Dwayne Weyers of Center, Colo., as vice president of the Grower and Public Relations Committee. One new member of the Executive Committee was elected: Cully Easterday of Pasco, Wash., who will serve as vice president of the Trade Affairs Committee. Randy Mullen of Pasco, Wash., NPC's 2013 president, will continue to serve on the Executive Committee as the immediate past president.

The delegates also elected the 2014 Board of Directors. The Board members include:

California

Ed Staunton

Colorado

Miguel Diaz
Bob Mattive
Roger Mix
Mark Peterson
Harry Strohauer

Florida

Danny Johns

Idaho

R.J. Andrus
Clen Atchley
Todd Gerratt
Dean Gibson
Jeff Harper
Britt Raybould
Steve Theobald
Kim Wahlen

Maine

Brent Buck
Dominic LaJoie
Darrell McCrum

Michigan

Randy Styma
Jason Walther

Minnesota

Justin Dagen
Peter Imle

Montana

Sid Schutter

Nebraska

Joe Thompson

New Jersey

Jennifer Coombs-
Kelly

New York

Ralph Child

North Carolina

Chris Hopkins

North Dakota

Keith McGovern
Brian Vculek

Ohio

Todd Michael

Oklahoma

Virgil Slagell

Oregon

Lon Baley
Dan Walchli
Mark Ward

Pennsylvania

David Masser

South Dakota

Milt Carter

Washington

Jared Balcom
Ellie Charvet
Nelson Cox
Mike Dodds
Bob Halvorson
Darrin Morrison
Ted Tschirky

Wisconsin

Larry Alsum
Jeremie Pavelski
Jim Wysocki

NPC's Board of Directors is comprised of U.S. potato growers, nominated by their state organizations, and approved by the Executive Committee.

As president, Hardy will host the 2014 NPC Summer Meeting, June 25-27, in Sun Valley, Idaho.



NPC 2014 Executive Committee, top, from left to right: Nels Iverson, Cully Easterday, Dwayne Weyers, Jim Tiede. Bottom, from left to right: Randy Mullen, Randy Hardy, Dan Lake.

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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. 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.