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Dr. Leonard Bull (left), North Carolina State University, was installed as the new chairman of the board of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture at the organization's annual meeting in early April in Indianapolis. Passing the gavel to Dr. Bull is retiring board chairman R. Scott Stuart, National Livestock Producers Association. NIAA is a non-profit organization that represents and unites the beef, dairy, swine, sheep and goat, equine and poultry industries for the advancement of animal agriculture.

NIAA Elects Key Officers, Board Members at Annual Meeting

BOWLING GREEN, KY— Dr. Leonard Bull, professor of animal science and associate director of the Animal and Poultry Waste Management Center, North Carolina State University, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture during the organization's annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., in early April. NIAA's Board provides direction for the organization's 232 members from the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, equine and poultry industries. Membership includes those that have a vested interest in animal agriculture, including national and state livestock, poultry and equine organizations as well as veterinarians, government regulatory personnel, academia, researchers, extension specialists, producers and allied industry organizations.

Other individuals elected to NIAA's five-member executive committee were Dr. Robert Fourdraine, chief operating officer, Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium, vice chairman; Dr. Rafael Seneriz, researcher, Elanco Animal Health, secretary; Kevin Kirk, Michigan Department of Agriculture, treasurer; and Dr. Mark Engle, director of health assurance and transportation, PIC North America, member at large.

Five new board members were elected to serve on NIAA's board of directors. New board members include John Adams, beef producer and president of Rock Croft Farm Services; Dr. Tony Forshey, state veterinarian, Ohio Department of Agriculture; Dr. David Meeker, vice president, Scientific Services, National Renderers Association; Dr. Richard Meiring, clinical professor, Veterinary Pathobiology and Population Medicine, Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine; and Joy Phillippi, pork producer and immediate past president of the National Pork Producers Council.

The NIAA membership also voted to include the immediate past president as an ex-officio member of its board of directors. As such, retiring NIAA chairman of the board R. Scott Stuart of the National Livestock Producers Association will serve in that capacity for the coming year.

"NIAA is honored to have individuals of this high caliber on its board," states Michele Vise-Brown, NIAA chief executive officer. "NIAA board members give freely of their time, talent and knowledge to serve animal agriculture—the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, equine and poultry industries. They are the decision-makers regarding resolutions brought forth by the association's species-based and issues-based committees, and it is these resolutions that address challenges within animal agriculture and help bring solutions that advance animal agriculture."

The National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) mission is to provide forums for building consensus and advancing solutions for animal agriculture and to provide continuing education and communication linkages to animal agriculture professionals. NIAA is dedicated to programs that work towards the eradication of animal diseases that pose risk to the health of animals, wildlife and humans; promote a safe and wholesome food supply for our nation and abroad; and promote best practices in environmental stewardship, animal health and well being. NIAA members represent producers, veterinarians, scientists, state and federal officials, and business executives. More information is available at www.animalagriculture.org.

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