

Scott Named President National DHIA

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The National Dairy Herd Improvement Association announced its 1996-1997 Board of Directors at the 31st Annual Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, earlier this month.

Dick Scott of Norridgewock, Maine, has been elected National DHIA president. Scott has served on the board since 1987, and had held the position of vice president since 1994.

According to Scott, the vision he has for his presidential term is to focus on the customer — the individual dairy farmer. "National DHIA has evolved in the last 10 years from one program to fit all farms to individual management systems for each farm, while still maintaining the integrity of the information for use by all of our industry. The Herd Profiles and use of Record Standards, which will become a reality this year, will move us forward in providing what our customers need and demand of us," says Scott.

Dick's dairy industry involvement spans over 30 years, progressing from the county board

level to state associations, culminating at National DHIA. He, along with the assistance of his wife, Judy, and son, David, manages his family farm on 627 acres, milking approximately 85 Holsteins. Another son, Bill, works off the farm.

Tom Sammon of Faribault, Minnesota, ended his term at the 1996 convention. Sammon, who was elected president of National DHIA in March 1994, served on the board since 1987.

Succeeding Sammon from the Central Region is Larry Egger of Elgin, Minnesota. Egger has been active on his local DHIA board for 20 years, serving the past three years as their president. Larry and his brother DuWayne manage a 540-acre farm with 100 milking Holsteins. Other dairy industry involvement includes board president of High Plains Coop and board member of Plainview Milk Products.

Mike Quesnell of Twin Falls, Idaho, completed his 10-year term as board director. Quesnell served on the board since 1987 and was National DHIA president from

1992 to 1994.

Also retiring after a 10-year term is Doug Runyon of Kopperl, Texas.

Replacing Quesnell and Runyon from the Western Region is Susan Vaadi Lee of Jerome, Idaho. Ms. Lee has been a member of Idaho DHIA for 12 years, serving as secretary, president, and state manager. Presently she is Chairman of the Idaho Dairy Products Commission. Other dairy industry positions include past president of Magic Valley Holstein Club, past director of the National Milking Shorthorn Society, and Chairman of the American Milking Shorthorn Society's Breed Outlook Commission. In 1990, Susan was named the Idaho State Holstein Dairywoman. Susan and her husband, Martin, have been dairying for 27 years and have a herd of 225 Holstein and Milking Shorthorn on their Idalee Dairy Farm.

Other officers were reelected as follows: Richard (Buddy) Nichols, Vice President, Canon City, CO; Dale Eade, Secretary, Cottondale, FL; Dave Mollen-

hauer, Treasurer, Newark, NY. Directors remaining on the board include Terry Ellington, Poplar Grove, IL; John Fiscallini, Modesto, CA; Sonny Meyerhoeffer, Mt. Crawford, VA; Gary Tauchen, Bonduet, WI; Doug Temme, Wayne, NE; David Watkins, Moscow, IA.

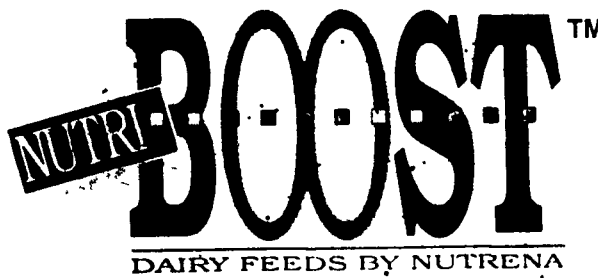
Nel Empet, General Manager of Northeast DHIA, joins the board as the Affiliate Management Representative. Al Thelen, General Manager of Michigan DHIA in Lansing, will represent the Dairy Records Processing Centers (DRPCs).

National DHIA serves as a liaison for the DHIA System with other dairy industry organizations. The DHI System provides dairy management information systems for the dairy industry which aid dairy producers' profitability. The DHIA System is comprised of 33 Affiliate DHIA's, 45 Central Milk Analysis Labs, 7 Dairy Processing Centers, over 2,000 employees nationwide, and has a membership of over 50,000 dairy producers.


Over \$7,000 was raised in the First Annual National DHIA Presidents Scholarship Auction. Approximately 20 Affiliates donated over 40 items which were

auctioned off with proceeds going into an educational scholarship fund to benefit the children of DHIA members and employees who are majoring in an agricultural field of study. High bidding items were the Bonnie Mohr farm scene, which went to Ginny Correll of Cleveland, NC; the Robthom Suzet Paddy stained glass rendering, sold to the Missouri Dairy Hall of Fame Group; and a Bret Favre autographed football sold to Jay Mattison of Madison, WI. Other items of interest included a Cleveland Browns jacket, IBM Notebook computer, paintings, baskets, and handmade quilts.

According to Alton Ling, Missouri DHIA president and chairman of the National DHIA presidents scholarship committee, final selection of scholarship recipients will occur during the National DHIA leadership conference to be held in January 1997, with awards announced at the 1997 Annual Convention. Anyone interested in applying for a DHIA scholarship is invited to contact the National DHIA office at 3021 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43231; (614) 890-3630.



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