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BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - A new president, vice president, and five directors were elected by delegates at the 112th National Holstein Convention held June 25-28 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Richard Keene, of Gilbertsville, N.Y., was elected president of the Holstein Association. He has served the last two years as vice president, and served on the Board of Directors 1969-77. He has judged numerous shows, including the International Holstein Show at Madison, Wis., five times, and many state, national and international shows as well.

James (Bud) Lecki, Jr., of White Pine, Tenn., was elected vice president. Leckie served on the Board of Directors 1987-95, chairing the Field Operations Committee and serving on the Finance Committee. He has a 60-cow Registered Holstein herd in White Pinc.

John Gross, of Madison, S.D., worked as a classifier and technical supervisor for the Holstein Association and is a former vice president for the South Dakota Holstein Association. He dispersed his own Holstein herd in 1964, which at that time was the highest classified herd in the state. He has judged shows regionally, nationally and internationally, and is a member of the South Dakota State University's Foundation Board.

Edgar Miller, of GEM farm in Winston-Salem, N.C., has served as president, show chairman, and director of the breed improvement committee of the North Carolina Holstein Association. He has also served as president of the North Carolina Purebred Cattle Association, Dairy Foundation at North Carolina State. and DHIA, and is presently chairman of the Carolina Classic Sale. He has bred numerous Excellent cows and set many production records with his 115-cow Registered Holstein herd.

John Emerling, of Perry, N.Y., has a 685-cow operation, of which 450 are Registered. He has served as the New York Holstein Association treasurer, and is past general chairman of the Holstein Carousel Show/ Sale and current chairperson of New York State-sponsored sales.

Elmo Wendorf, Jr., of Ixonia, Wis., has an 85-cow herd in partnership with his brother under the Crescentmead prefix. He will fill the second half of the four-year director position formerly held by Keith Stump. Wendorf was president of the Wisconsin Holstein Association in 1990 and is chairman of the 2007 National Holstein Convention planned for Wiscon-

David Pierson, of Lake City, Minn., was re-elected to a second four-year term. He owns and operates Sapa Ska Farm with his brother and son with a milking herd of 90 Registered Holsteins. He is a past president of the Minnesota Holstein Association and is a trustee of the Holstein Foundation. He served on the Genetic Advancement Committee and the Finance Committee in his first term as national director.

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Distinguished Members Named

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. -Seven Holstein Junior members were named finalists in the Holstein Association's Distinguished Junior Member competition. The awards were presented at the National Holstein Convention Grand Rapids, Mich., in June 28,

Traditionally, only six finalists are named in the annual contest. However, close competition warranted a tie for the sixth finalist; therefore a seventh was named.

Finalists are: Bradley Ainslie of Hartwick, N.Y.; Jennifer Belter, of South Burlington, Vt.: Nicolas Buttars of Lewiston, Utah; Zachary Janssen, of Island Lake, III.; Jason Meier, of Ridott, III.; Jeremey Michaud, of East Hardwick, Vt.; and Jill Olsen, of College Ward, Utah.

Twelve semifinalists were named from applicants around the country. National winners must win at the state level before they can proceed to the national level. The seven finalists receive a lifetime membership to the Holstein Association.

Delegates Vote To Change National Holstein Herdbook

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"The real strength of our new system, we believe, is the ability to disclose openly and fully the ancestry of any Holstein animal," according to Bob Traweek, who served as chairman of the Holstein Board of Directors' Executive Committee. "It creates an opportunity for virtually any Holstein to be officially recorded."

The Association's Board members worked for the past 12 months to create a proposal that would facilitate the accurate, fully disclosed identification of the Holstein cattle population. "While we believe that most of the best genetics are still in what we term the "purebred population," (now 100 percent RHA-NA) there are good cattle outside of that population, some here at home, some abroad," Traweek said. "We want to fulfill our responsibility to be the source of official identification for these animals as well, particularly since they are being marketed both here and abroad."

Certificates and pedigrees will clearly and prominently display each animal's RHA both at the top of the document and next to every animal's identification number. Animals with 87 percent or higher RHA will be eligible for national shows and recognition programs.

When the new herdbook system is fully implemented, later in 1997, the Identified Holstein Female program and the Qualified Holstein program will be elimin-

Traweek believes that the new structure will take the identification of Holsteins to a new level in the U.S. and globally.

"With this herdbook, we can disclose each animal's available ancestry more accurately and fully than any other herdbook in the world. This proposal, in fact, creates a new world standard for herdbooks!" he said.

For more information about the Holstein Association's new herdbook structure, please contact the Association at 1-800-952-5200.

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