

## Pennsylvania DHIA Names Board, Officers

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) – The reorganization of the Board of Directors of PA DHIA resulted in Norm Hershey from Lancaster County being elected President Dale Hoover from Lebanon County elected Vice President, Frank Orner from Clearfield elected Secretary, John Brodzina from Huntington County elected Treasurer, and John Castrogiovanni from Susquehanna County elected Director at Large to the Executive Committee Neal McCulloch from Cumberland County submitted his resignation as Director of District 6 due to the sale of his herd The Delegates from Fulton, Franklin, Cumberland, and Adams County will elect a new

director at a later date

Recently the Board reviewed our Strategic Long Range Plan The Board reviews the plan every six months to make adjustments due to changing times Presently PA DHIA is partnering with two artificial breeding cooperatives to provide field service for both artificial insemination and milk testing, and PA DHIA has developed a new Owner Sampler program for DHIA and AI technicians Partnering is also occurring with three milk cooperatives to share truck routes and laboratories PA DHIA has developed a new Owner Sampler program for DHIA and AI technicians Partnering is also occurring with three milk cooperatives to share truck routes and laboratories. PA DHIA is partnering with Penn State, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, USDA Foreign Agricultural Services, and VOCA to provide farm management services and technology to Ukraine, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

The cooperative is looking for members who are good crop and dairy managers and can get away from their farms for 2 weeks to 2 months These members do not need to speak a foreign language, however they must be able to communicate their skills to other farmers. PA DHIA, through our partnering efforts mentioned above the host governments will pay expenses abroad and a per diem to available PA DHIA members who wish to serve and are selected. A flyer will appear in your herd management reports over the next six weeks. If you are interested, please fill out the bottom of the flyer and send it to our office An application form will then be mailed to you

The Board received reports about the recent trips to Poland and Ukraine by Tom Smith and Dave Slusser, respectively These trips were funded by VOCA with USAD funds PA DHIA has been approved for Ag Link funds for use in development of international farm management services and DHIA services. Our international service is designed to provide extra income to the association, our members, and a better future for all parties

George Cudoc has been hired by PA DHIA to provide consultant services to members and their consultants in use of PH DHIA information for more profitable milk production George will conduct meetings for members and consultants, and man a one-day a week hotline to advise people on their DHIA report use For a fee, he will provide on-farm service with members and their consultants George has been the manager of Marbuger Dairy in Butler County for 20 years He has done extensive work with the herd using DHIA information and MUN His experience and knowledge will now be available to our members.

The next board meeting will be held at the University of Pennsylvania New Bolton Center. Beside the usual board business, there will be a tour of New Bolton's facilities and a report by Dr. Jim Ferguson on New Bolton's joint efforts with PA DHIA.

The board of directors for the Pennsylvania DHIA are from left, seated, John Brodzina, treasurer, Norm Hershey, president, Dale Hoover, vice president, and Frank Orner, secretary. Standing, John Castrogiovanni, Bill Itle, John Wilcox, Ralph Gilkinson, Adam Derr, and Mark Eby.

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