

Annual Meeting And Cornucopia Unites Legislators With Ag Leaders

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Agriculture and other farm organizations.

The cornucopia was held in conjunction with the Council's annual meeting, held earlier in the afternoon. Council members had the opportunity to meet with their local legislators individually between the annual meeting and cornucopia.

During the annual meeting, Representative Ray Bunt, the

majority chairman of the House ag and rural affairs committee, spoke to the group.

"We are working on an extensive list of legislation that will benefit the ag community," said Bunt. He thanked the farm organizations for their help with ag issues. "I learn something new about agriculture every day."

Senator William Slocum, majority chairman of the Senate agriculture and rural affairs

Committee also spoke during the meeting.

According to Slocum, Pennsylvania provided the largest drought package of any state in the Union this past year. It was also the largest drought relief package ever in Pennsylvania.

"This year we plan to address the inheritance tax issue," said Slocum. "It is the single largest cause for losing family farms. Our caucus is going to make every effort to do away with at least part of that tax."

The Council made amendments to state resolutions benefiting agriculture. These resolutions are used by lobbyist from various farm groups to encourage the legislature to address the current issues in agriculture.

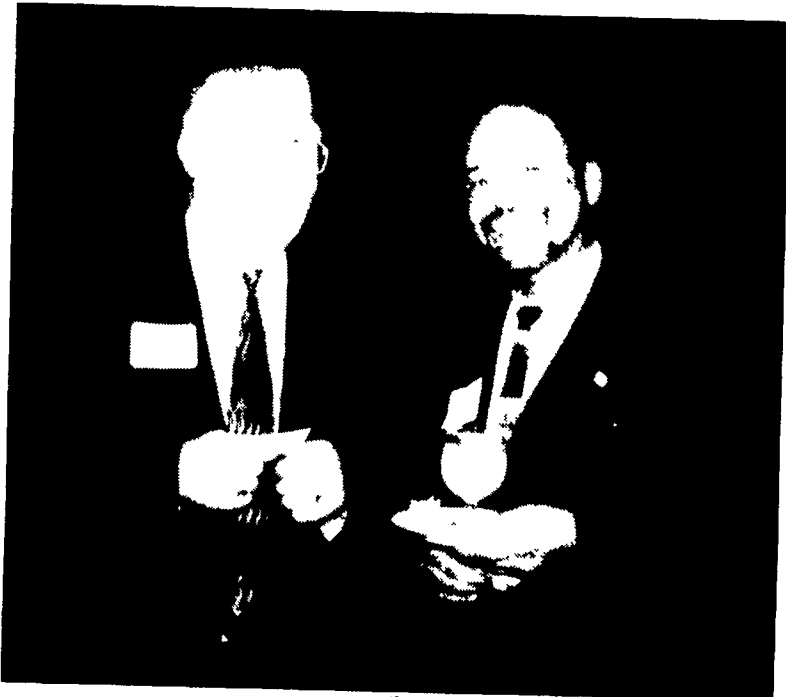
Topics included in the amendments were biotechnology, farmstead property tax relief, and food safety. The Council also established new resolutions for product regulations and standards, stray voltage, nutrient management, farmland assessment law, local amusement tax, agriculture education, and elk damage. Resolutions for addressing federal legislative issues were also addressed.

The Council elected new officers during the meeting. President is Roxy LeVan. Curtis Kratz was elected vice president, and Susan Fox will be the secretary/treasurer.

Charles Brosius was nominated by the Council to represent Pennsylvania agriculture societies as a Pennsylvania State



PA State Council of Farm Organizations President Roxy LeVan greets the representative from her county, Representative Merle Phillips of Northumberland.



Old acquaintances unite as Representative James Roebuck of Philadelphia introduces himself to Eugene Wingert, Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, who sold pigs to Roebuck's god parents.



Representative Thomas Armstrong from Lancaster County and Debbie Eaton representing Senator Harold Mowery of Cumberland County greet Pennsylvania Fair Queen Jana Duttry.

University Trustee. Brosius will be running for Obie Snider's position on the board. Snider decided not to seek re-election.

The Council also voted to en-

dorse Carl Schaffer in his nomination for the Board of Trustees. Schaffer, already a member of the Board of Trustees, will be running for re-election.

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